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U. P. CONGRESSMEN'S CALL TO MUSLIM LEAGUE

Working Committee's Resolution Recognises Right Of Self-Determination

Allahabad Meeting Reiterates Faith In Mahatma's Leadership

ALLAHABAD, March 15.

Some of the prominent U. P. Congressmen, including Mr. Sampurnanand, Mrs. Pandit, Mr. Sri Prakash, Mrs. Purnima Banerji, Dr. Jawaharlal, Swami Satyanand, Mrs. Indira Gandhi, Mr. Gopal Narain Saxena and Mr. Feroz Gandhi, who met in Allahabad at an informal meeting in a statement to the Press reiterate their complete faith in the leadership of Mahatma Gandhi "who alone can speak in the name of the Congress and whose continued incarceration is a symbol of India in chains."

To Dispel Depression

The signatories add: "We owe it to him and other comrades in prison to do what little we can to dispel the atmosphere of depression, which is the dominant feature of public life to-day. Nothing can absolve us from the duty of trying to serve our countrymen according to our lights to the very limited extent that is possible in the circumstances in which we find ourselves. It was this relief which promoted us to call the present informal meeting."

KHADDAR COMMITTEE

While a detailed programme of work can be drawn up only after the proposed larger meeting, the signatories feel that as a result of the preliminary discussion they held, it is necessary for the present to concentrate their energies upon hand-spinning-and-weaving and relief to the familes of those who are in prison. Price control has certainly brought down the price of cloth, but there is still much room for the preparation of hand-woven cloth from hand-spun yarn on a large scale. Mr. Vichitra Narain, Swami Satyanand and Mr. Ramswarup Gupta have been asked to prepare a scheme for the purpose.

RELIEF TO FAMILIES OF PRISONERS

The signatories seek the active co-operation of all sections of people in the matter of relief to the families of those who are in prison. A committee consisting of Mrs. Vijayalaxmi Pandit, Dr. Kailash Nath Katju, Mr. Sriprakash, Mr. Sampurnanand, Dr. Jawaharlal, Rai Amarnath Agarwal and Mr. Feroz Gandhi, has been appointed to organise the relief work.

The signatories express the opinion that the National Week from April 6 to 13 could hardly be celebrated in a better way this year than in making an intensive collection of funds for this "noble purpose."

ASSURANCE TO LEAGUE

In conclusion, the signatories regret the growing estrangement of the leaders of the Muslim League towards the Congress and the cause of freedom for which it stands and invite the League's attention to the Congress Working Committee's resolution of April 21, 1942, where the right of self-determination was specially recognised and assurance given that there would be no compulsion for the people of any territory to remain in the Indian Union.

MAHESHWAR DAYAL TO MEET MALAVIYA

LUCKNOW, March 16.

Raja Maheshwar Dayal Sheth is proceeding to Allahabad to-morrow night to appraise Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya of the conscientious opinion of the members of the Central Legislature and the reactions of the Muslim League in regard to the proposed All-Parties Conference.

It will be recalled that Raja Maheshwar Dayal had participated in the informal discussions which took place among some members of the Central Legislature, while Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru visited Delhi recently. —United Press.

Put Freedom Above All

India Suffers From Overdose Of Spirituality, Says Dr. Lin Yu-Tang

CALCUTTA, March 16.

The Freedom of India was primarily India's responsibility, said the well-known Chinese Scholar and Philosopher, Dr. Lin Yu-Tang, in an address to students of Calcutta University last evening.

He said that India had so far failed to achieve her freedom because as a nation she did not want it badly enough. "When the whole of India wants freedom and wants it badly enough and is willing to place it above everything else, that very moment India can take her freedom as easily as one turns the palm of one's own hand."

Dr. Lin added that he who sinned against India as a national unity sinned against the freedom of India. There was a perfect formula to continue to live under foreign subjection —to be divided and to be ruled.

Dr. Lin thought that India had got too much of religion and could well afford to do with less of it. Religion was a part of India's national genius. It was the one theme that ran uninterruptedly from the Rig Vedal and the teachings of the Buddha down to the ideals and beliefs of Gandhi. No nation except India could produce a modern saint, on a political platform. He admitted these traits, but said that India was suffering from an overdose of spirituality. For the present at least there should be only one religion and one party in India the religion of freedom, and the party of freedom—A. P.

Sir Alladi Resigns

MADRAS, March 16.

Sir Alladi Krishnaswami Iyer, has resigned his Advocate-Generalship, the resignation to take effect from the reopening of the High Court after the summer vacation on 10th July, 1944. He became the Advocate-General in January, 1929.

Interviewed by the Associated Press, Sir Alladi Krishnaswami Aiyer said that he had been too long in office and felt that he should resign. He added that there was no political reason whatsoever for his resignation. —A.P.

"NO LIGHT ON EVACUATION OF INDIANS FROM BURMA"

NEW DELHI, March 16: "The Government of India have decided that it would not be expedient to publish any report for the present on the evacuation of Indians from Burma", said Mr R. N. Banerjee, Indians Overseas Department in the Council of State to-day—A. P.

NEW DELHI, March 16.

Fire supervisor Kenneth Seixas, of a fire fighting detachment at Dehu siding near Bombay, has been awarded the British Empire Medal (civil) for courage and devotion to duty during a fire at the siding.

NAGPUR EDITOR ARRESTED

NAGPUR, March 16.

Pandit Amsika Charan Shukla, Managing Editor of the "Nagpur Times" was arrested at Raipur under section 11 of the Ordinance No. 3 1944, in connection with the news published in the issue of the paper on March 11 from its Jubbulpore correspondent regarding the security prisoners. Pandit Shukla was subsequently released on bail.—United Press.

Sind Paper's Security Deposit Forfeited

KARACHI, March 16: The Sind Government has ordered the forfeiture of the security deposit of Rs. 1,000 of the "Sansar Samachar", a Sindhi Vernacular daily of Karachi.

The order of forfeiture which was served on the Editor of the paper to-day is understood to be in connection with the publication of an article in that paper on the Life of Hemu Kalani, a student, who was hanged for an attempted act of sabotage by the martial law authorities. —A. P.

Congressman Dies In Detention

CUTTACK, March 16: Mr. Y. Sannava, late President of the Ganjam District Congress Committee died while in detention; Mr. Madanlal Murarka, well-known philanthropist has agreed to bear the cost of his children's schooling.—Orient Press.

House Searches In City

The residences of Mr. Venkatlal G. Pithi and Madanlal G. Pithi were, it is learnt, raided by the Special Branch of the Bombay C. I. D. on Thursday evening. The police conducted a long search for over three hours. It is learnt nothing incriminating was found, though a diary was taken possession of by the police.

INTER-FRANCE INFORMATION AGENCY MANAGER ARRESTED

LONDON,—Pierre Andre Weber, former Algiers Manager of the pro-German Inter-France Information Agency has been re-arrested and interned after trying to escape to France, says an Algiers dispatch. The Inter-France Agency was designed to support Laval and the Germans in the French Press, adds the dispatch.—India Press Service.

M.C.C. Decision On Post-War Cricket

(From Our Correspondent)
LONDON, March 16

I understand the M.C.C. has taken the following decisions concerning post-war cricket:—

(1) One experimental season immediately after the war.
(2) Return to six ball over.
(3) A new ball after 50 overs.
(4) Declaration on the first day after 300 runs.
(5) Retention of three-day county matches.

WILD SCENES IN AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENT

Whip Of Country Party Suspended

SYDNEY, March 16: Wild scenes took place in the Australian House of Representatives early this morning during the discussion of the Constitution Alteration Powers Bill.

The House passed the second and third reading of the Bill last night and it then entered the Committee stage.

Heated exchanges leading to the eventual suspension of Mr. B. H. Corser, the whip of the Country Party, occurred during the discussion of the clauses dealing with freedom of speech and expression. These were finally agreed to at 3 o'clock this morning.

The leader of the Country Party, Senator Arthur W. Fadden described the scene as an "exhibition which will serve as a warning against giving the Government one iota more of power than it already possesses".

The Minister of External Affairs and Attorney-General Dr. Evatt, replying to the debate said:—"Many war-time expedients in the provision and regulation of employment will disappear after the war. The Government is resolutely opposed to industrial conscription in peace time."

Mr. John Curtin, Prime Minister, said: "The whole motive of the measure is to help the people."

The Australia-New Zealand agreement was discussed in the Senate yesterday.

The leader of the Opposition Senator G. McLeay Severelt criticised it saying that the agreement reeked with isolationism and was almost devoid of a sense of realities of the prsent Pacific situation.

AMERY TO QUIT?

Sick Of Leftist Criticisms

(From Our Special Correspondent)
LONDON, March 16.

It is learned that Mr. Amery is shortly retiring from politics for reasons of health and bitter criticisms from progressive leftist political organisations.

It is believed that Mr. Harold MacMillan, present Minister in Algiers, will step into Mr. Amery's shoes.

1,000-BOMBER RAID ON STUTTGART

R. A. F. Also Attacks Munich And Amiens

LONDON, March 16: An Air Ministry 'communique' to-day said: "Last night the Bomber Command dispatched a great force, which included more than one thousand heavy bombers, and dropped over 3,000 tons of bombs. Stuttgart was the main objective.

The weather prevented immediate observation of the results but towards the end of the attack a glow of large fires was seen through the clouds.

Munich and objectives in North-West Germany were also bombed. Heavy bombers attacked railway targets at Amiens.

Forty of our aircraft are missing."

36 NAZI BOMBERS SHOT DOWN

Thirty-six German fighters were shot down by United States fighters which escorted Fortresses and Liberators to Brunswick—an important aero works centre yesterday. It is not yet known how many German planes were destroyed by bombers. Three United States bombers and five fighters are missing.

RAIDERS OVER ENGLAND

The Air Ministry announces that there was little German activity over parts of south-east England including the London area last night. Bombs were dropped at scattered points causing some damage and a small number of casualties.

All Congress Candidates Win

(From Our Correspondent)
AHMEDABAD, March 16

The results of Municipal election of Ward Nos. 1, 2, 4 and 6 were declared last night. All Congress candidates have been duly elected.

Royists and Ambedkarites have lost their deposit.

EARTHQUAKE IN CENTRAL ASIA

BOMBAY, March 16: An earthquake shock of slight intensity with its epicentre about 1,490 miles away from Bombay near latitude 41 degrees north and longitude 75 degrees east about 380 miles east of Samarkand was recorded by the seismographs at the Colaba Observatory at 11-39 a.m. (I.S.T.) on Wednesday 15th March.—A. P.

STOP PRESS

REDS CAPTURE VAKMIARKA

MOSCOW, March 17: The railway junction of Vakmiarka has been captured, says Marshal Stalin in an order of the day.

LONDON: A raid alert was sounded in London in daylight on Thursday eveing.

DETROIT, March 16: The obstetrician Mr. Fred W. Thomas has been convicted of conspiracy and violation of the Wartime Espionage Act and sentenced to 16 years' imprisonment.

ALLIES ADVANCE ON CASSINO

Nazis Use Multi-Barrelled Mortars To Hinder Entry Into Town

LONDON, March 16.
(From Reuter's Special Correspondent)

Reports so far received show that the Allies have made progress into Cassino itself and also into the hills immediately to the north-west. The attack on the town was taken up at noon yesterday.

The Germans are resisting fiercely and have been using multi-barrelled mortars to hinder the Allied efforts to clear a passage.

Mediterranean Allied Force Advanced Headquarters: To-day's 'communique' said: "LAND: After a heavy air bombardment the town of Cassino was attacked by our infantry and tanks strongly supported by artillery.

In the Allied forces beachhead our troops attacked and took two enemy strong points and held them against heavy counter-attacks. Elsewhere on both the Fifth and Eighth Army fronts patrols were active clashing with the enemy and taking prisoners.

AIR: Last night a strong force of medium and heavy bombers successfully attacked Sofia.

Medium bombers also attacked San Bendetto. Via Reggio harbour and Follonica were attacked by bombers of the Coastal Air Force. During the night of March 14/15 one Junker 88 was destroyed in the Naples area. Six of our aircraft are missing from yesterday's operations.

WHEN SUB-LETTING IS PERMITTED

The Director of Information, Bombay, writes:—

It is proposed to amend the Bombay Rent Restriction Act, 1939, permitting sub-letting without the permission of the landlord in cases where the rent charged to a sub-tenant is not in excess of the standard rent, while making it a sufficient cause for ejectment in other cases of sub-letting.

U. S. Called To Do Britain's Job?

What Is Sauce For Goose Is Not Sauce For Gander!

(From Our Correspondent)
LONDON, March 16.

Some political observers here are discussing the point which seems to have been overlooked, namely, Britain's apparent acquiescence in an outside power taking upon itelf for the first time to admonish a State which is still regarded as a constituent member of the British Commonwealth. It is also interesting that no request has been made to Russia to close the Japanese embassy in Moscow; nor has any complaint been registered against Turkey Switzerland and Spain which maintain similar neutrality. Apparently what is sauce for bigger nations is not sauce for smaller ones.

POLISH PATRIOTS SENTENCE 14 NAZI OFFICIALS TO DEATH

Said To Have So Far Executed 150,000 People In The Gas Chamber

LONDON, March 15.

Death sentences have been passed on 14 German prison officials by Polish underground authorities, says the Polish Ministry of Information.

These men and women are all employed at Oswwiecism, the biggest concentration camp in Poland.

The statement describes one "as one of the most ruthless enemies of the Poles," another as "chiefly concerned in segregating Jews for the gas chamber," and the third as "the most brutal and sadistic woman it is possible to imagine."

One hundred and fifty thousand people are named in the camp records, besides Jews from Czechoslovakia, Holland, Belgium, France and Greece, who were executed in the gas chamber without being entered in camp records.—Reuter.

S. African Merchants Favour Increase Of Suitable Population

CAPETOWN, March 15.

The Congress of the South African Association of Chambers of the Commerce today passed a resolution expressing the opinion that a steady influx of suitable population should be assisted in the interests of the future national strength of the Union and strongly urging the Government to begin planning a constructive immigration policy particularly from the point of view of introducing energetic and skilled men and women to assist in the development of new industries and specialised crafts.—Reuter.

Britain's Daily War Cost

WESTMINSTER, March 16: During recent weeks Britain has been spending on an average about fifteen million sterling a day for war purposes. The average daily rate for the financial year has been about 13-1/2 million sterling. These figures were announced by Sir John Anderson, Chancellor of the Exchequer in the Commons to-day.

RUSSIANS MAKE BIG BREACH IN NAZI LINE

Red Army Approaches Dniester River On Frontier Of Bessarabia

MOSCOW, March 16: From Reuter's staff correspondent: While Rumanian hopes of peace talks run high the Russians after tearing a 60 mile gap in Von Manstein's River Bug line are approaching the Dniester River, the frontier of Bessarabia, the outer bastion of Rumania's defences.

SOVIET TAKE SEVERAL DISTRICT CENTRES

Wednesday's Soviet 'communique states: "To-day in the Proskurov direction our troops were engaged in repelling counter-attacks launched by major forces of enemy infantry and tanks and inflicted heavy losses on enemy men and equipment. In the Vinnitsa direction our troops occupied four district centres of the Vinnitsa region, including the large railway centre and town of Kalinovka, the towns of Turbov and Voronovitsa and a further 50 inhabited localities.

South-west of Uman troops of the Second Ukrainian Front successfully forced the Southern Bug over a front of 60 miles and advanced from 12 to 18 miles. Troops of this front have occupied four towns including Trostinets, Obodovka and Olkopol, all district centres of the Vinnitsa region. They also occupied over 100 other inhabited localities and seven railway stations, including the railway station of Ulianovka.

COMMONS' SECRET SITTING TO DEBATE TANKS

WESTMINSTER, March 16: Mr. Churchill announced that the Commons would have a secret debate on the tank position on the fourth day of the next series of sitting.

ROOSEVELT'S CALL TO FINLAND

Sequel To Stockholm Reports Of Helsinki's Rejection Of Soviet Terms

WASHINGTON, March 16.

President Roosevelt to-day urged Finland to get out of the war.

"I think I can speak for all Americans when I saw we sincerely hope that Finland will now take the opportunity to dissociate herself from Germany."

The President's statement was interpreted in Washington as a direct reply to unofficial reports from Stockholm that the Finnish Parliament had rejected the Russian terms in secret session.

STOCKHOLM REPORTS

STOCKHOLM, March 16: The Foreign Committee of the Swedish Parliament met at 1000 hours this morning in special session, it is believed for discussion on the Finnish situation. Reports reaching here say that on Tuesday night information of extreme importance reached the Finnish Parliament. This, it is stated, showed Soviet willingness to negotiate further. Earlier on Tuesday, these reports said, the Finnish Government had adopted a stiff attitude and had convinced a majority in Parliament that the Soviet conditions were not acceptable.

U. S. Agricultural Tractors For India

MADRAS, March 16: A lease-lend consignment of American agricultural tractors for the Government of India is expected to arrive shortly. They will be put to immediate use for intensifying the "grow more food campaign" and later on for the post-war agricultural development.

The Government of Madras propose to get four of them for the use of the agricultural department of this province.—A. P.

ORISSA JOURNALISTS' CONFERENCE POSTPONED

CUTTACK, March 15: In view of the prosecution launched against him, Mr. A. D. Mani, Editor of "Hitavada" (Nagpur) and President-elect of the Orissa Journalists' Conference has suggested the postponement of the Conference, which had been fixed to be held on March 26 to a later date.

The Secretary of the Reception Committee states that the exact date of the Conference will be announced in due course.—A. P.

LONDON, March 16: The National Executive of the British Mineworkers' Federation meeting in London to-day decided to accept the principles of the Government's proposals for a new wage system for the mining industry.

LATEST COMMERCIAL

COTTON (MAY)

NEW YORK, March 16.

Previous closing	20.73
To-day's opening	20.77
Difference	+.04
To-day's closing	20.76
Difference	+.03

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, March 16.

New York Stock Exchange opening prices:

General Motors unquoted.
Anaconda Copper Mining $27-1/8.
United States Steel common $54-3/4
U. S. Steel Pref. $121-3/4.

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

CALCUTTA, March 16.

The market tendency continued firm and active. The volume of business all round was large and extensive. Government securities kept firm and unchanged.—A. P.

Industrialisation To Counter Inflation

Scathing Indictment Of Govt. Control Policy

NEW DELHI, March 16.

The supply of consumer goods as an anti-inflationary measure was urged in the Assembly to-day in the course of the debate on a European Group cut motion moved by Mr. A. C. Inskip. Speaking with first-hand knowledge of America, which he visited last year, Mr. Inskip pointed out that the practice of taking over the entire output of any one industry for war purposes did not appear to have been followed there or in U. K., despite the rising tempo of the war and the enormous contribution which the U. S. A. had made towards the common effort, she was already or would shortly be in a position to turn over certain of her industries to the production of essential items for civil consumption.

Mr. Inskip also referred to the fact that America and U. K. had actually begun to manufacture goods for supply to countries which had been or would be free from enemy occupation.

If the war burden on this country could be lightened, India, he felt should be given the opportunity to produce not only for her own needs but for the future requirements of such countries as Burma, Malaya and China. (Hear, hear). Mr. Inskip commented on the working of the anti-hoarding and profiteering ordinance and complained that a number of controls now enforced appear to have been introduced by Government without making full enquiries before hand.

Mr. N. M. Joshi supporting the motion complained that while the Gregory Committee report had stressed the importance of providing consumer goods and the Finance Member himself had admitted its usefulness, the Government of India did (not help industries which provided these goods. Mr. Joshi drew particular attention to the bangle industry of Ferozabad, which he said had been languishing for some two years for lack of coal and kerosene oil, with the result that some 60,000 workers were suffering from either total or partial unemployment. The Hindu womanhood of India, he declared, had been exploited for two years, by being forced to pay eight times the usual price of bangles.—(Voices: The womanhood of the whole of India),

Mr. Hussainbhai Laliji congratulated the mover on the bold manner in which he had come forward to support Indian industries. Mr. Laliji urged the Government to emulate the example of America and England in the care shown to industries and he asked the Government to see that proper planning was done in dealing with Indian industries after the war.

Sir Ziauddin Ahmed joined the mover in criticising the anti-hoarding and anti-profiteering measures taken by Government. Sir Ziauddin declared that the only effective cure for inflation was to fix the purchasing power of the rupee.

Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chettiar thought that the language of the motion and the quarters from which it came made him doubt the 'bona fides' of the move, which he suspected was directed against any growth of industry in India after the war. (European members: Non-sense).

Mr. Chettiar declared that if that suspicion was unfounded, the mover should make it clear in the motion that Indian industries should be encouraged. Mr. Chettiar challenged the European Group to tell him even a dozen articles produced in U.S.A. or U.K. without which we in this country could not get on. There was, he suggested, no need to import anything by way of essential consumer goods from abroad. As regards hoarding, Mr. Chettiar thought the evil was started by Government when they ordered the freezing of stocks.

Sir Vithal Chandavarkar said he had been an advocate of controls, but the trouble was that when Government decontrolled wheat prices, people began to doubt whether Government were seriods about controls. People were also suspicious when they found it announced that whisky as among consumers' goods to be imported. It was a complete misreading of Indian psychology to make announcements of that kind. The impression had also been created that what was going to happen was that India would be left in the cold so far as industrial development was concerned, and that the Dollar and Sterling balances were to be consumed in the importation of consumers' goods, instead of in encouraging their production here with the capital and scientific talent which certainly were readily forthcoming in the country.

Mr. T. T. Krishnamachari said it was time the Government of India thought of ways and means to switch over to peace economy. Criticising millowners, he urged that cloth prices should be brought down to a hundred per cent above the pre-war level, if the millowners really had the interests of the man in the street at heart.

Mr. Jamnadas Mehta joined Mr. Joshi in pleading the cause of the bangle industry.

The Industries and Civil Supplies Member, Sir Azizul Haque replying referred to the difficulty of dealing with problems which arose from the evil propensities of certain classes of human society. He went on to declare that the twenty per cent profit permitted was a fair reasonable allowance. If the argument was that it was not sufficient to be shared by the twenty or more intermediaries between the wholesaler and the consumer, his answer was he would not mind the disappearance of some of these intermediaries.

Referring to the difficulties in the way of Government, Sir Azizul Haque said that adequate trained staff was not forthcoming, accommodation was not early available; Government wanted an Industries Planning Officer and offered the job to an eminent Indian businessman but could not get him. But Sir Azizul Haque asserted that Government had nevertheless taken the trade into con-

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More Dearness Allowance To Govt. Employees

NEW DELHI, March 16

A further increase in the rates of dearness allowance to all Central Government employees and a special concession to employees of the Posts and Telegraphs Department were announced by the Posts and Air Secretary Sir Gurunath Bewoor, in the course of his reply to the debate in the Assembly on Mr. Jamnadas Mehta's cut motion to urge the need for an increase in the allowance.

Sir Gurunath said he was authorised to announce that Government having taken into consideration the existing state of prices had decided that:—

In area A the existing rate of dearness allowance of Rs. 11 for those drawing below Rs. 40 a month be raised to Rs. 14. Those drawing between Rs. 40 and Rs. 150 a month the present dearness allowance of Rs. 14 be raised to Rs. 18. The pay limit be raised to Rs. 250, that is to say, employees drawing between Rs. 40 and Rs. 250 would get a dearness allowance of Rs. 18.

In B class areas, the respective dearness allowances would be raised from Rs. 8/8 and Rs. 11 to Rs. 11 and Rs. 14 and the pay limit be raised from Rs. 125 to Rs. 200.

In C class areas the dearness allowance rates be raised from Rs. 6/8 and Rs. 9 to Rs. 9 and Rs. 12 and the pay limit from Rs. 90 to Rs. 150.

The special concession given to employees of the Posts and Telegraphs Department was those getting below Rs. 40 would receive a "good conduct" pay of Rs. 2.

These increased rates would come into effect from March 1, that is to say, for the pay to be drawn in April and onwards.

The announcement was received with expressions of satisfaction from all parts of the House, and the mover withdrew his motion.—A. P.

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WHITE MAN WHO VISITED TOWER OF SILENCE

Claim Of Speaker Under Auspices Of British Ministry Of Information

(From Our Correspondent)
LONDON, March 14.

The Executive Committees of the Parsi Association in Great Britain and the Northbrook Society have made representations to the India Office and to the Ministry of Information, drawing attention to the speeches recently made by Mr. Harold Dunning, F.R.S., F.R.G.S., who, speaking on behalf of the Ministry's platform has claimed he got to know India because he had lived nine months as a Muslim in Muslim family and spent another spell in a Hindu family and a third spell living as a Parsi.

Mr. Dunning also said that in Bombay he was one of the few white men ever to see the inside of the Tower of Silence "where the dead are placed for vultures to be disposed of." He has met most Indian leaders and people whose names are in headlines to-day and one of them told Mr. Dunning: "The whole Empire should be grateful to a citizen of such courage and candour."

I also understand that the Parsi Association has sent a communication on the subject to the Parsi Punchayat at Bombay protesting against Mr. Dunning's references to the Tower of Silence.

BRENDAN BRACKEN'S REPLY

When Mr. Sorensen took up the matter with the Information Ministry, Mr. Brendan Bracken in a written Parliamentary reply informed Mr. Sorensen: "I understand the gentleman, who has given lectures under the auspices of the Ministry of Information, has made this claim and it has been objected to by the Society called Northbrook Society. This lecturer was not supplied or recommended to the Ministry by the India Office. I am sure the lecturer had not the intention of offending susceptibilities. I understand he has informed the Society some time ago that he would not invite press references to it in the future."

DUNNING STICKS TO HIS GUNS

Mr. Dunning has written to Mr. I. N. Wankawala, Secretary, Northbrook Society, regretting his inability to give any details whatsoever as to the circumstances of his visit to the Tower of Silence.

He adds: "It was indeed an interesting privilege and has left me in profound admiration for the religion of Zoroastra. Friends responsible for my visit are still alive and I gave them a solemn undertaking not to disclose the circumstances of my visit. I cannot go back on my pledge."

Mr. Dunning assures Mr. Wankawala as there appears some sensitiveness about the reference in the press he would arrange to have it eliminated.

Sivagiri Mutt—Rival Claims Of Mathadhipatis

(From A Correspondent)
VARKALA, March 4.

In the scheme-suit case concerning the Sivagiri Mutt of Sri Narayana Guru, Varkala, before his lordship K. Sankarasubba Aiyar in the High Court of Travancore the plaintiff Shree K. M. Kumaraswamy Sanyasi had put in a prayer that the rival Madathipathis, who had come after the late Madathipathi Swami Achuthananda, might be summoned before the Court, and that their claims be decided for the purpose of impleadment in the place of the late Swami. After due inquiry and trial, his lordship passed orders declaring and recognising Swami Anantha Theertha as the President of the Dharma Sanghom and Head of the Mutt, but impleading both the contending parties, Swami Ananda Theertha and Swami Sankarananda, in the place of the deceased defendant, since this was only a case concerning the management of the Dharma Sanghom and it was but proper that both the claimants should be brought on record so that the decree passed in this case might be binding on both.

"War Risks Insurance"

In our Wednesday's (March 15) issue an 'Associated Press' from New Delhi, dated March 14, on the War Risks Insurance stated "for the quarter ended July 30, 1944". Obviously it is a misprint. The correct period should be "for the quarter ended 30th June, 1944."

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INDUSTRIALISATION TO COUNTER INFLATION

(Continued from page 1.)

fidence and had consulted them. He fully agreed that the time had come when we must look to Indian industry to produce more consumers goods.

The Industries Member went on to refer to the increase in the consumers goods such as woollen goods, boots and shoes, cement and paper which had been released to meet civil needs.

The Industries Member retorted saying even as it was, he saw many publications which should never have been published (laughter).

So far as electric lamps were concerned, he announced that the entire indigenous production would be released for civil consumption (a voice: many thanks).

He made it clear that the list of imports were subject to frequent review and it was Government's declared policy that no import should affect Indian industry at any point (hear hear).

"Let me assure the House", he declared, "we are more conscious of our responsibilities, because the Opposition are not prepared to take our places."

A voice: Don't be too sure.

Another voice: One day they will jump at it.

Sir Azizul Haque: I should like to see them jump.

The motion was rejected without a division.

Mr. N. M. Joshi raised a debate on the Labour Department's policy regarding labour questions. Moving a cut under the department, he declared that labour conditions had worsened during the war. He objected to the permission given by Government for more hours of work and said that labour was so plentiful in India that if Government wanted to increase war production, they could have introduced the system of shifts and paid the workers better. He said that the Dearness Allowance Committee appointed by Government had made its report, but complained that Government had not published it. A strong, representative committee should be appointed to consider labour questions and to suggest bold measures for a Beveridge plan for Labour. He also wanted a whole-time Labour Minister.

Mrs. Subbaroyan as one of the Government of India Delegates who attended the Geneva Conference in 1934, which banned employment of women for work underground in coal mines, said that at that Conference it was the Government of India Delegate that presented the Draft Convention imposing this ban and delegates from all over the world supported it. She mentioned this, in order to show how grave was the breach of International Convention committed by the Government of India when they permitted women to work underground in coal mines.

Mr. Jamnadas Mehta acknowledged that Dr. Ambedkar had taken one or two important measures.

Dr. Ambedkar Labour Member, referred to Mr. Joshi's remark that the conditions of labour were unsatisfactory and said it was not his business to dispute that statement, but he would point out that conditions of labour in this country were largely governed by the industrial development of the country over which this Government had hardly any control.

He reiterated that he was indeed unhappy about the permission given to the employment of women underground, and he assured the House once again that he was taking every possible step to increase the labour force and increase coal output, so that he might be in a position to re-impose the ban on the employment of women underground.

Mrs. Subbaroyan: Did Government consult the Tripartite Conference Committee before allowing women to work underground?

Dr. Ambedkar replied they had no time to do; it was an emergency, and they had to meet it by an emergent measure.

As regards imprisonment of Labour leaders, Dr. Ambedkar pointed out that knowing Labour leaders as he did, the trouble was that they played more than one role; they were sometimes Labour leaders, at other times Communists, National leaders, members of the Congress or the Hindu Mahasabha, and it was difficult to say when such a multiple leader was imprisoned whether he was imprisoned as a Labour leader or in some other capacity. He would suggest to labour leaders to devote themselves exclusively to the labour cause.

Mr. Joshi in view of the Labour Member's speech withdrew his motion.

Mr. Jamnadas Mehta moved the next cut to discuss the "need for substantial increase of dearness allowance." He was supported by Mr. Joshi.

Mr. Mehta withdrew his motion.

At five, the guillotine was applied, and the rest of the demands were carried. The House adjourned till tomorrow.—A. P.

Artist's Suit For Infringement Settled

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Chagla)

Ravishankar M. Raval ..... Plaintiff
vs.
(1) The Alembic Chemical Works Co., Ltd.; (2) The Alembic Distributing Agency (Bombay) Ltd.; (3) Mahadoo A. Joshi ..... Defendants

The plaintiff is an artist of repute is the author of a water-colour painting called "Jeevan Sangit" (Symphony of Life) and is the owner of its copyright. He filed this suit for an injunction restraining the defendants from reproducing what the plaintiff alleged was a colourable imitation of that painting on calendars for the year 1942 advertising Alembic Products produced and printed by the third defendant, or from distributing the same without the plaintiff's consent, for delivery to the plaintiff of the alleged infringing picture and calendars and for Rs. 5,000 by way of damages for the alleged infringement. The defendants denied that the picture on the calendars was a colourable imitation of the plaintiff's painting "Jeevan Sangit" and the third defendant alleged that it was a reproduction of some of the frescoes in the Ajanta Caves.

CONSENT DECREE

By consent of parties, his lordship passed a decree by which it was agreed and declared that the plaintiff was the owner of the copyright in the painting "Jeevan Sangit", and it was ordered that the defendants be restrained from reproducing or distributing it during the full term of the copyright, and do hand over the infringing picture or design. No order was made as to the costs of the parties.

Mr. K. J. Khandalawalla instructed by Messrs. Perreira and Vallabhdas appeared for the plaintiff.

Mr. A. C. Amin instructed by Messrs. Amin, Desai and Nanavatty appeared for defendants 1 and 2.

Mr. G. M. Gupte, instructed by Messrs. Solomon and Co., appeared for defendant 3.

RAMDAS PANTULU DEAD

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MADRAS, March 16.

The death occurred in the early hours of this morning at his residence here of the Honourable Mr. V Ramdas Pantulu, Member, Council of State and President All-India Co-operative Institutes' Association and Indian Provincial Co-operative Banks' Association, due to heart failure. He was aged 70 and was ailing for some time. He leaves behind his wife, two sons and five daughters to mourn his loss.

The funeral takes place this afternoon.—A.P.

(Born in October 1873 and educated at the Christian College, Madras, Mr. Ramdas qualified himself for legal profession and set up practice in Madras High Court. Evincing interest in politics he joined Congress and was elected to the Council of State in 1925 and became the leader of its Swaraj Party the next year. He was a member of the All-India Congress Committee for several years and became president of the Madras-Andhra District Congress Committee.

Specialising in co-operation and Banking, he became the president of the All-India Co-operative Institutes' Association and Indian Provincial Co-operative Banks' Association. He was member of the Central Banking Inquiry Committee and also of the governing body of Imperial Council of Agriculture.

Members of the Central Committee of International Co-operators Alliance he visited London in 1934 as Indian delegate to the International Co-operative Congress).

Censorship Of Civilian Mail In Bengal

CALCUTTA, March 15

For military reasons, censorship arrangements relating to civilian mail are being extended in Bengal with effect from early next week.

Announcing this, a Bengal Government press note says: "The public are already aware that in addition to the censorship of military mail and all letters going out of India, civilian mail in Assam and those parts of Bengal which lie east of the Brahmaputra is liable to censorship. For military reasons, it is now considered necessary that civilian mail in other parts of Bengal should be subject to censorship and the new arrangements will come into operation early next week. The purpose of the censorship is to prevent information of value falling into the hands of the enemy."—A. P.

Bombay Gazette Notifications

Mr. T. M. Chaudhary to be District Deputy Collector, Kaira, vice Mr. M. G. Pimputkar transferred.

Mr. P. A. Bhatt, Huzur Mamlatdar, Thana, to officiate as City Magistrate, Bandra, vice Mr. T. M. Chaudhary transferred.

Mr. V. R. Risbud, a Magistrate of the Third Class in the district of West Khandesh, is appointed to be a Magistrate of the Second Class in that district and is invested with the additional power to make order as to first offenders—section 562.

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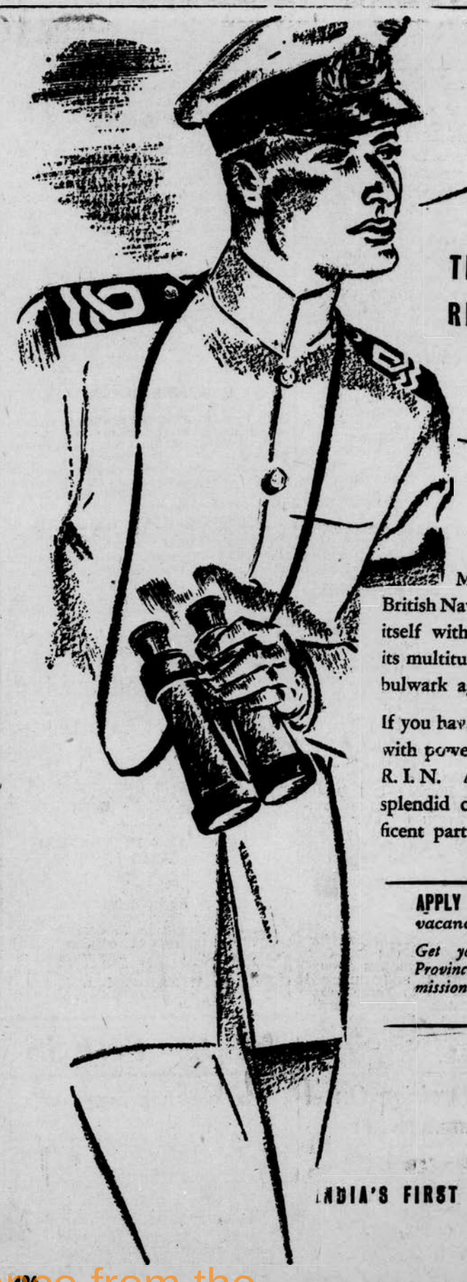

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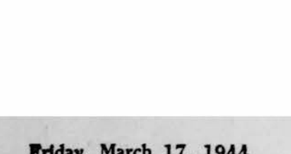

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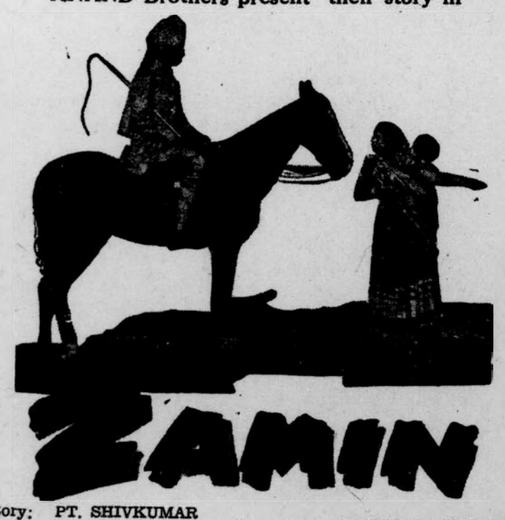

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To-day's Engagements

TO-DAY'S CHARITY SHOW—A charity show of "Ankh Ka Nasha", a play from the well-known pen of the late Aga Hashr Kashmiree will be staged to-day (Friday) at the Baliwalla Grand Theatre, Tardeo, Bombay, in aid of the Mangrol Anjuman-e-Islam Dr. Abdul Hamid Kazi presiding.

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: Study Class on "The Septenary Constitution of Man" from The Ocean of Theosophy by W. Q Judge. Jehangir Wadia Bldg., Flora Fountain to-day (Friday) 6-15 p. m.

COMMISSIONER'S ROUND—The Municipal Commissioner and the Councillors of Ward No. 6 (Bhuleshwar Market) will meet near Bhuleshwar Fire Brigade on Saturday at 6-51 a. m. (B.T.) 8-30 a. m. (S. T.) to go round the Ward.

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ALL-INDIA WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

The Reception Committee of the All-India Women's Conference has organised a Variety Entertainment for Saturday (8th April) under the presidentship of Mrs. Shantaben Madhavlal Bhatt. Women's Organisations and institutions are contributing towards the programme, which will contain a number of problem dances, also classical and folk dances. Tickets can be had from the office of the Reception Committee at the Vanita Vishram English School, Khetwadi Main Road, between 3-30 p. m. and 6 p. m.

MAYOR'S MEETING ON FOOD SITUATION

BOMBAY, March 16.

Enquiries made by the United Press in connection with the meeting convened by the Mayor of Bombay on March 19 to discuss the food situation in the Province and to consider the setting up of a non-official organisation show that there has been enthusiastic response to this move from almost every district of the Province. Most of those who were invited have intimated their acceptance of the invitation to attend the meeting.

It is learnt that the intention of the Bombay Government to set up an Advisory Committee of their own as indicated in a press note this morning does not in any way affect the plans for the non-official meeting which will take place as arranged on March, 19, in Bombay.—United Press.

CORPORATION'S LIFE EXTENDED

The Government of Bombay has decided that the term of the Bombay Municipal Corporation should be extended for two years more and that elections should not be held at present.

"No Mayoral Election By Communal Rotation"

The question of abolishing the convention of electing a Mayor by communal rotation came up for discussion before the Bombay Municipal Corporation on Thursday evening.

Mr. M. R. Masani, the Mayor was in the chair. The Congress Party put up an attitude of neutrality on the question.

Moving the resolution for the abolition of the convention Mr. B. J. Devrukhkar observed that he wanted the convention to go because it tended to create communalism. He called upon the members of the Congress Party to support the resolution and eradicate communalism from the Corporation. Munshi Fatehkhan seconded the resolution.

Mr. A. P. Sabawala supporting the resolution urged upon the Congress Party the desirability of electing the best man from the House whatever his political creed might be.

Prof. Daver opposed the resolution and said that the convention deserved to be continued as it had worked successfully throughout and had helped in maintaining communal harmony.

Clarifying the attitude of the Congress Party on the question Mr. R. A. Gole observed that the Congress members were not going to oppose the resolution as they stood for the removal of all distinctions.

Dr. Collaco and Mirza Akhtar Husein opposed the resolution. Mr. M. V. Donde and Mr. I. Patel also spoke.

Further discussion on the question was postponed to Monday.

ARTISTS' VISION OF GREECE

The exhibition of paintings drawings, sketches and photographs by Capt. M. A. Paltov, the Greek artist which is held under the auspices of the Greek Relief Appeal Committee at Sir C. J. Hall provides a panoramic view of the classical art and natural scenery of Greece. In a nutshell, it represents the artist's vision of the ancient and beautiful country. One finds among the paintings and sketches some delightful impressions and also a few paintings executed by Capt. Paltov in the Byzantine style.

The photographic section which presents a rich and varied collection is a fine record of a large number of views and of the architectural monuments and gives to the observer a vivid impression of Greece. Among the exhibits are found a few antiques and paintings on leather and porcelain The educational scope which the exhibition entails is emphasised by a few hitorical maps. The exhibition which closes to-day is well worth a visit.

Viceroy Concludes Visit To Sind

SUKKUR, March 16: His Excellency the Viceroy concluded his visit to Sind to-day when he drove back from here to Jacobabad and left from there by plane during the afternoon. —A. P.

MUSICAL WITH BETTY GRABLE AT EROS

Dazzling Skating Spectacles In "Silver Skates" At Excelsior

By T. V. P.

"Sweet Rosie O'Grady" is one of those 20th Century musicals in technicolor which always became popular. Of course, Betty Grable is there and with her Robert Young and Adolphe Menjou. Irving Cummings has directed this picture and has a good story unlike other musicals. Dances in the picture are also an attraction.

Strand Cinema is reviving "The Black Swan" starring Tyrone Power and Maureen O'Hara. It had a very successful popular first run at Eros and many revivals in the city.

"Riding High" is extended at Regal till Monday night. From Tuesday will be shown "His Butler's Sister" with Deanna Durbin in the star role. Franchot Tone plays opposite her. Her songs must, of course, attract audiences.

"Keeper of the Flame" starring Spencer Tracy and Katharine Hepburn, stays on till Monday night at Metro. From Tuesday "Above Suspicion" starring Joan Crawford and Fred MacMurray. It is a topical spy drama

A motion picture with dazzling icespectacle is "Silver Skates" at Excelsior. Here is a picture which literally "has everything". Its bright particular skating star is Belita who exhibits a grace and a high quality of skill. Featured with her are Kenny Baker, noted radio singer, and Patricia Morrison. These three form the romantic triangle in a gay story which eventually finds Baker engaged to both girls, simply because of his anxiety to save an unfortunate situation.

The laughing romance of a girl from New York and a boy from the Great Open Spaces is the theme of "A Lady Takes A Chance" the screen's newest comedy hit with Jean Arthur and John Wayne, co-starred at New Empire.

"Arabian Nights" is being revived at Aurora and "Jitterbugs" with Laurel and Hardy at Palace.

This week at Paradise will show from Friday to Sunday—'The Moon Is Down'; on Monday and Tuesday—'Life Begins At 8-30'; on Wednesday—'How Green Was My Valley'; and on Thursday—'Sun Valley Serenade.'

U. S. Invitation To Mrs. Pandit

ALLAHABAD, March 15.—It is learnt that Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Pandit has received an invitation from the American Lecture Agencies requesting her to visit America for a lecture tour.—United Press.

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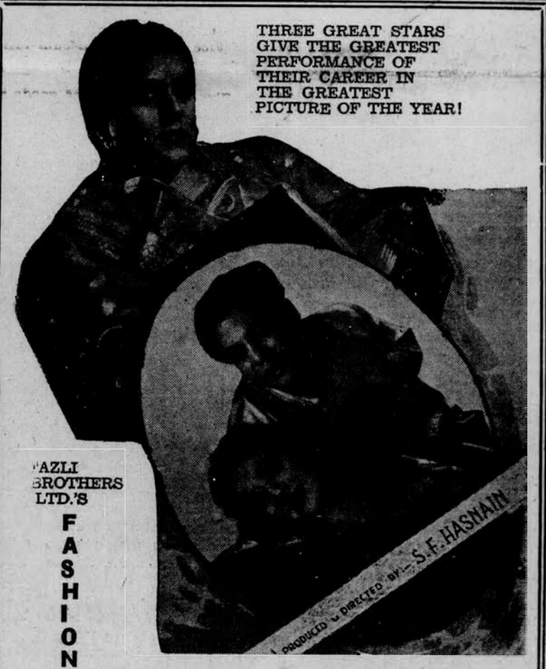

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ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA, March 16: Following is the weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches recorded at eight hours on 12th March 1944:—

Allahabad 92 69 nil; Bombay 86 70 nil; Calcutta 95 74 nil; Cawnpore 91 67 nil; Cuttack 96 72 nil; Darjeeling 58 43 nil; Delhi 90 62 nil; Dhera Dun 83 86 nil; Jacobabad 93 60 nil; Karachi 80 70 nil; Lahore 86 55 nil; Lucknow 95 62 nil; Madras 86 73 nil; Nagpur 89 67 nil; Patna 90 64 nil; Peshawar 81 83 nil; Shillong 71 47 nil; Simla 62 49 nil. —A. P.

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

So long as millions die in hunger and ignorance, I hold every man a traitor who, having been educated at their expense, pays not the least heed to them!

—Swami Vivekananda.

The Bombay Chronicle

DESERVED TRIBUTES

Most touching were the tributes paid to the memory of Shrimati Kasturba Gandhi at the public meeting held in the city on Wednesday. The tributes were paid by men and women of all castes and creeds irrespective of their politics. Indeed, the meeting symbolised the nation as a whole. The tributes were a recognition of Kasturba's unique worth, of her being a "most cherished ornament of Indian woomanhood, exemplifying the highest ideal of mother and wife", to use the words of the resolution adopted by the meeting. The resolution also stated a plain truth in its reference to her "selfless devotion and complete identification with every phase of India's awakening." That such a woman should have died in captivity at the age of seventy-five is, as the Mayor remarked, 'a painful reminder that our national destiny still remains unfulfilled." Along with her illustrious husband Kasturba dedicated her life to the country's freedom. She has passed away before their goal, the goal of us all, is reached. It is the sacred duty of the country to carry on the unfinished task to its fulfilment. One of the most urgent responsibilities is doing this is to collect the proposed National Memorial Fund of Rs. 75 lakhs to perpetuate the memory of Kasturba. To collect such a sum in the absence of so many of our leaders in jail may appear hard to some. But the very thought of these leaders being in jail and of our duty to the memory of Kasturba should help us to triumph our all difficulties.

Misuse Of Power

Of the many recent defeats inflicted on the Government of India by the Central Assembly none was more notable than that in connection with Pandit Lakshmikant Maitra's cut motion to censure the abuse of powers under the Defence of India Act and Rules. The motion was carried by a clear majority of 53 votes against 44. It was also supported by all Indian parties including the Muslim League, though some League leaders are still known to maintain that Congressmen incarcerated under the D. I. Rules have to thank themselves for it. Sir Mohamed Yamin Khan, representing the League Party, admitted he had made a great mistake in supporting the Defence of India Act in the House. He had not then realised that the weapon placed in Government's hands would be misused. He referred to the instance in which the Prophet's Day procession had been prevented in Nagpur. Sir Mohamed also referred to an order served on Mr. Hossain Imam, Member of the Council of State, in which the S. D. O. Gaya, asked Mr. Imam to appear before him at 10 a.m. on March 15 to show cause why he should not be imprisoned under Section 38 of the Defence of India Act as it was reported that he had not bought war bonds and had prevented others from buying war bonds. Sir Mohamed rightly observed it amounted to a misuse of the powesr under the Defence of India Act and was a most stupid order. Sir Mohamed is very late in being disillusioned. But it is better late than never.

Many other instances of misuse of the D. I. Rules were cited by different speakers but the Home Member failed miserably in his attempts to explain or condone them. Stating that the convictions under the Rules were 94,500 and that detentions without trial were 17,572, he remarked this "was not a record of oppression" during a period of over four years in a country of 300 millions and more. In a sense he is right. Worse records have been revealed during the war in some other countries. Replying to the criticism that the new Ordinance III of 1944 did not provide for Advisory Committees to consider the cases of persons against whom detention orders had been passed, the Home Member pointed out that as against that there was the provision for periodical review and claimed that was a definite advance and removed the necessity for advisory committees. But the reviewing of cases by practically the very persons who had before approved of detention without trial is a worthless substitute for an examination by independent advisory bodies. The review itself is often unconscionably belated. But it is no use arguing with people who are constitutionally irresponsible. All, particularly those who have been disillusioned about the ways of the Government, should bend their efforts on the struggle for a responsible National Government. And the sufferings of the victims of repression should help to intensify the efforts of those who are free.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

End Of Cassino

Cassino has received an air bombardment which has been described as "unsurpassed in the history of warfare" Within a few hours 1,400 tons of bombs were hurled on a target area of less than one square mile. Immediately afterwards the bombardment was taken up by Allied artillery and since then Allied infantry has resumed its attacks, which had stopped for the last few days. All this is only a tribute to the grim impediment provided by this bastion in the Allied progress towards Rome and to the dogged ferocity with which the Nazis are defending it. Cassino is in a sense the birchpin of the present main Italian front and its fall will mark the end of the stalemate. Though Cassino has now been turned into another Pompeii, it is regrettable that weather has once again changed for the worse, turning the ground into quagmire. The extent of the advance made by the Allies in the wake of the bombing is not yet known but now that Cassino is no more, one can look forward with confidence to further developments on the Italian front.

Parlous Position

In his last weekly war review General Dietmar observed that "a downright critical situation has arisen on the eastern front." For once the German military spokesman was neither exaggerating nor understating his case. Viewed from whatever point of view, Manstein is now facing an extremely parlous position all along the southern front. All his remaining Ukraine bastions from Tarnopol in the north to Nikolaiev in the south are now fast crumbling under the hammer-blows of the Red Army and his forces are being relentlessly decimated in the number of traps which the Russian commanders have sprung upon the Wehrmacht. It seems hardly possible now that Manstein will be able to rally his forces on the line of the Bug, though Dietmar fondly hopes that "we shall be able to master this crisis, too." The only alternative left to the German army in the Ukraine is to retire to the Dniester as best it can, and according to reports reaching Cairo, the Nazi High Command is already rushing technical troops and skilled personnel to Rumania to fortify the river line. But now a new menace looms large on the horizon with the peace approaches being made by Rumania and other Balkan countries and it remains to be seen how Hitler succeeds in mastering the crisis —in his rear as well as in his front.

The Next Mayor

All Congressmen in the City are intently watching as to who is going to be nominated as the Bombay Congress Municipal Party's candidate for the Mayoralty of Bombay. The Congressmen strongly feel that the first Congressman of the City must be accepted by the Congress Municipal Party for the office of the first citizen of Bombay. The success that all the candidates put up on behalf of the Congress secured in the recent Municipal by-elections, was the success of the Congress Organisation. The representative organisation of the Congressmen of Bombay is the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee which is under official ban, but still continues to have the same hold on the hearts of the Congressmen. The President of the B.P.C.C. is the first Congressman of the City. Therefore, he alone must be the choice of the Congress Municipal Party for the Mayoralty of Bombay.

Last year the Party's choice fell on Dr M. D. Gilder and it was a correct choice. He was then in gaol. The reasons that justified his choice stand to-day and indeed stand more cogently. We Congressmen must demonstrate that the devotion of the citizens of Bombay is centred on Congress leaders in jail. For those very reasons, which led to the choice of Dr. Gilder, Shri Nagindas Master must be chosen as the Bombay Congress Municipal Party's candidate for the Mayoralty. It is incumbent on the Congress Municipal Party to reflect the feelings of Congressmen.

The story is being circulated that this or the other candidate has secured the blessings of Devi Sarojini Naidu. It must be made clear to everybody that she has blessed no one more than any other. She has given blessings to all Congress workers.

JHINABHAI P. JOSHI, M.L.A.,
Vice-President, B.P.C.C.

AIR ATTACK ON RANGOON AREA

Numerous Explosions And Huge Conflagrations

NEW DELHI, March 16.

During the night of 13th/14th March, further water borne raids were made on the enemy defences on the coastal plain south of Maungdaw in which our troops were successful in locating Jap defences, says an Allied war 'communique' issued from Headquarters, South-east Asia Command.

Further to the north in the area of Razabil, our troops, supported by artillery, occupied strong points on commanding ground between Razabil and the tunnels on the Maungdaw-Buthidaung road.

In the Chin Hills on 15th March our troops were again in contact with the enemy force operating on our right flank, north-west of Tiddim. Japanese attacks on our positions in this area were repulsed.

On the North Burma front, Chinese have captured Tingkawk Sakan, 12 miles south of Walawbum, and cut the road four miles to the south.

CHINESE ADVANCE

South of Taro, Chinese forces have driven out an entrenched enemy unit and advanced four miles towards Pasu Bum.

In the Fort Hertz area, our forces have abandoned a position at Pinsau near Sumprabum.

A large formation of R.A.F. and U.S heavy and medium bombers of the strategic air force, Eastern air command, attacked Japanese dumps to the north-east and north-west of Victoria lake, in the Rangoon area on the night of 14/15 March dropping nearly 100 tons of bombs. Towards the end of the raid there was one huge conflagration covering almost the entire area between Insein and Victoria Lake. There were numerous explosions. Intercepting enemy fighters were driven off and one was damaged.

Dive-bombers, fighter-bombers and fighters, on the 14th and 15th March, maintained their offensive against targets in the Arakan, Kaladan, Mayu, Chin Hills, Chindwin and North-west Burma. Objectives included river-craft, motor transport, enemy positions, tanks and dumps.

From all these operations, one allied aircraft is missing.—A.P.

QUINTUPLETS ECLIPSE WAR NEWS

BUENOS AIRES, March 16: The story of quintuplets born to a Buenos Aires businessman has eclipsed all political and war news in Argentina. All the children now average 20 pounds and are described as "frisky as colts and just as voracious."

The father declared: "If the present rate continues I may have to buy a 20 room house as it is impossible to forecast what the future holds for me."

Bhole And Ghiasuddin Introduced To King

LONDON, March 16: The Indian lecturers Messrs. R. R. Bhole and M. Ghiasuddin attended an afternoon party at Buckingham Palace yesterday and were introduced to the King and Queen and the two Princesses.

Mr. Bhole also met the New Zealand Deputy Prime Minister Mr. Walter Nash, and discussed with him the status of the Maoris in New Zealand.

Mr. Bhole told Reuters that he hoped to visit New Zealand after his lecture tour in the United States to study Trade Union conditions there. Mr. Nash, he said, had promised to give him all the facilities he could. —Reuter.

Nine Destitutes Die

CALCUTTA, March 16: There were 9 deaths and 36 new admissions of sick destitutes in Calcutta hospitals yesterday.

Govt.'s Reply To Editors' Demands

OPERATIONS OF CENSORSHIP, STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL AND MUST CONTINUE FOR MILITARY SECURITY

NEW DELHI, March 16: The Standing Committee of the All-India Newspaper Editors' Conference met again to-day at 11 a. m. under the chairmanship of Mr. S. A. Brelvi.

The Committee passed resolutions on the pre-censorship order on the "Hindustan Times" and the "National Call", on the question of setting up Advisory Committees in the Punjab and Bihar and on the prosecution launched by the C. P. Government on "Hitawada" and "Nagpur Times."

The Committee decided to meet next in Karachi on July 7, 1944.

The Committee was entertained to lunch by the "Hindustan Times."

Mr. S. A. Brelvi, President of the A.-I.N.E.C. has released for publication the following letter received from the Government of India in reply to the resolutions passed at the Plenary Session of the Conference in Madras in January last:—

Letter from Sir Richard Tottenham, Additional Secretary to the Government of India dated New Delhi, 18th February, 1944:—

"I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of January 13th enclosing copies of the resolutions adopted by the Plenary Session of the All-India Newspaper Editors' Conference in Madras on January 10th and 11th, 1944. Resolutions Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 concern one or more departments of the Government of India; and the replies of the Government of India are given below, except in the case of Resolution No. 2, which concerns the War Department and to which a separate reply will be sent in due course by that Department.

WANTED MORE SHIPMENTS OF NEWSPRINT

Resolution No. 1: "The A.I.N.E.C. is of the considered view that the time has arrived so to increase the shipments of newsprint into India by the grant of higher priority as to permit the relaxation of restrictions under the Newsprint and Newspaper Control Orders and the increase of newsprint quotas so as to permit newspapers to publish a larger number of pages and give more news to the public under the existing schedule of prices."

Government's Reply: Shipping difficulties still persist, but such steps as are feasible have been and will continue to be taken to facilitate imports of newsprint. All licences issued for the import of newsprint are treated as "essentiality" licences, but it does not follow that shipping space can always be provided for all essential goods. The question of increasing the permissible number of pages that newspapers are allowed to publish is under continuous examination in consultation with the Newsprint Advisory Committee; but obviously no increase is possible until the supplies of Newsprint are such as to justify it.

RIGOROUS CENSORSHIP

Resolution No. 3: "This Conference records its emphatic protest against the prevention, on political grounds, of the free transmission of Press messages, to the suppression of comments of the Indian Press and of statements by responsible leaders of the internal situation, and is of the opinion that Censorship should be governed only by considerations of military security without the importation of political or other factors; and further, that all cases of deletion or suppression should be placed before the Central Press Advisory Committee with the reasons for such action.

The Conference also notes with great concern that reports of proceedings of the British Parliament are subjected to censorship in India before delivery to newspapers and that on frequent occasions passages are arbitrarily deleted for no other reason than that the individual censor concerned regards them as unfit for publication in India. This unauthorised and unnecessary interference is rendered the more objectionable where parliamentary proceedings relating to India are concerned and the Conference, while expressing its surprise that the practice should have at all arisen, demands that reports of proceedings of Parliament should in future be absolutely exempted from censorship."

JUSTIFIED!

Government's reply to the similar resolution No. 2 passed at the meeting in July 1943, was as follows:—

"The principle is accepted that such a censorship should not be used merely in order to suppress "news and political views distasteful or inconvenient to Government." It is, however, obvious that such matter that may be unpalatable for Government will, for that very reason, be highly palatable to enemy propaganda agencies and 'prima facie' prejudicial to India's prosecution of the war. It is on that ground that justification for censorship has rested and must continue to rest."

"MILITARY SECURITY"

This still remains the position of Government. In other words, it is unfortunately impossible to divorce considerations of "military security" entirely from "political or other factors."

So far as incoming press messages are concerned, Government cannot admit that "on frequent occasions passages are arbitrarily deleted for no other reason than that the individual censor concerned regards them as unfit for publication in India."

The operation of the Censorship is governed by general principles prescribed by the highest authority and, although it is naturally the duty of individual censors to interpret those principles by the exercise of their judgment and no human judgment is entirely infallible, their decisions are certainly not arbitrary or unauthorised. The Government of India regret that they are unable to accept the suggestion that all cases of deletion or suppression should be placed before the Central Press Advisory Committee with reasons for such action. The Press Advisory system exists for the settlement of disputes between Government and the Press in India.

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

The censoring of outgoing messages does not affect the Press in India and the operations of censorship are necessarily strictly confidential.

The Government of India accept the position, however, that the censorship of incoming messages should be reduced to the minimum since they have been passed by the censors in the United Kingdom and are, therefore, ex-hypothesis, not of direct value to the enemy. Exceptional features relating to or affecting the situation in India itself may necessitate further censorship on arrival in India, but the Government of India can give an assurance that these powers will not be used to suppress matter merely because it is unpalatable to them.

AN ASSURANCE

As regards reports of the proceedings of the British Parliament, the Government of India can only trace one or two isolated instances in which censorship was exercised, but they agree with the spirit of the resolution and have taken steps to ensure that no such message will be censored in future without their specific concurrence.

PRESS ADVISORY SYSTEM

Resolution No. 4: "The A.I.N.E.C. notes with regret that the consultative machinery devised to secure the cordial co-operation of the press with Government has not been uniformly helpful in all provinces and that complaints still come in from several provinces that the Press Advisory Committees are not consulted and that where their advice is sought, it is sometimes ignored without sufficient justification. If the Press Advisory System is to ensure, there should be greater regard and respect shown to the recommendations of the Committees by the Governments. The A.I.N.E.C. is of the view that the Government of India should, where necessary, take more direct responsibility for the administration of laws in respect of the Press as a Central subject for the duration of the war so as to secure uniformity in procedure and policy."

WHERE DEFECT LIES

Government's Reply: The Government of India note with regret the assertion of the A.I.N.E.C. that the Consultative machinery devised to secure the cordial co-operation of the Press with Government has not been uniformly helpful in all provinces, but they cannot accept the implication that the defect lies only in one part of the machinery. If the attitude of all Press Advisory Committees towards Government were uniform, there would be no difficulty in securing uniformity in their relations with provincial governments. For constitutional reasons, the Government of India regret that they cannot assume direct responsibility for the administration of the Law in respect of the Press throughout India and they must continue to follow the present practice under which Provincial Governments are made aware of the general policy of the Government of India with regard to important matters of All-India interest, while they are left to secure the execution of that policy, preferably by agreement with the Press, but otherwise by whatever action appears to them to be most suited to the character of the newspapers with which they have to deal.

TRANSPORT FACILITIES FOR EDITORS

Resolution No. 6: "This Conference requests the Government to provide passports and transport facilities to such members of the A.I.N.E.C. as may wish to visit England, America and other countries at the present juncture with full liberty to meet people of their choice and to express their views freely."

Government's Reply: If members of the A.I.N.E.C. wish to visit England, America or other countries at their own expense in their individual capacities, applications for passports will of course, be considered on their merits, and no question of providing transport facilities will arise, if, however, the intention is that a number of editors should visit the countries mentioned in their capacity as members of the A.I.N.E.C., and it is desired that transport facilities should be provided for such a deputation, the Government of India will give due consideration to any more detailed and specific proposal that they may be put before them.

TRIBUTES TO SRINIVASAN

Resolution re: outgoing President: "The A.I.N.E.C. Conference places on record its warm appreciation of the work of Mr. K. Srinivasan, the outgoing President, during his tenure of office for over two years. It is largely due to Mr. Srinivasan's untiring and pioneering zeal that the Conference has been placed on strong foundations. By his diligence and example, Mr. Srinivasan successfully brought about harmony and a sense of unity in the journalistic profession. The Press of India is grateful to Mr. Srinivasan for the invaluable services rendered by him to the journalistic profession in the country and for maintaining its dignity and rights in these difficult times."

With regard to the supplementary resolution enclosed with your letter under reply, I am to say that the Government of India desire to add their own appreciation of the services of Mr. K. Srinivasan to the cause of harmony while he held the position of President of the A.I.N.E.C."—A. P.

LORDS PASS STATES MERGER BILL

Act Awaiting Royal Assent Restricted To Kathiawar And Gujarat

WESTMINSTER, March 16: After a brief explanation by the Earl of Munster, Under-Secretary of State for India and Burma, the House of Lords agreed to the amendment to the India (Attachment of States) Bill restricting its application to Kathiawar and Gujarat.

The Bill now only awaits the Royal assent before becoming law.

IT IS NOT IN PUBLIC INTEREST

Mr. Amery stated in the Commons to-day that it was not in public interest to say how many Bengalis and Punjabis are serving on the Assam Frontier as requested by Maj-Gen. Sir Alfred Knox.

Sindhi Daily's Security Forfeited

KARACHI, March 16.

A notice was served this morning on Mr. Jairamdas Agnani, Editor of the "Sansar Samachar", a Sindhi daily of Karachi by the Government of Sind informing him that the security of Rs. 1,000 deposited by him with the District Magistrate of Karachi on March 25, 1942, has been forfeited.

The action of the Government presumably is a sequel to an article published by the "Sansar Samachar" in its issue of January 21, 1944 on the life of the late Hemu Kalani who was sentenced to death in Sukkur during the martial law regime in Sind.—United Press.

WARRANT AGAINST EDITOR

NAWABSHAH, March 16: A suit is filed this morning on behalf of the Government against Mr. Tilokchand Gopaldas, Editor "Hind Samachar", a Sindhi daily, for publishing Independence Day number of his paper. A bailable warrant was issued by the First Class Magistrate, Nawabshah, against the editor.

FOUR WOMEN DETENUES INTERNED

LAHORE, March 16: During question hour the Premier of the Punjab stated that the Congress detenus released between November and February were 103 and those interned or whose movements were restricted were ninety-five. Four Congress women detenues namely Sitadevi, Shanno Devi, M.L.A., Gulam Fatima and Puran Devi were released during this period and interned subsequently.

Replying to another question the Premier stated that Abid Khan of Peshawar was detained in the Punjab for last three months under the orders of the Government of India. In reply to supplementaries regarding interviews and reasons of detention of Abid Khan he refused to say further and observed the question should be referred to the Central Government.—United Press.

RELEASED AND INTERNED

LAHORE, March 14: Ved Prakash, a Congress worker of Lahore, has been released from Old Central Jail, Multan. A notice has been served on him after release restricting his movements at the district of Gurdaspur.—United Press.

The fifth anniversary of the Mobin Library, Akola was celebrated on 5-3-1944 in the Library Hall under the presidentship of Mr. E. R. Mahajani.

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WITHOUT COMMENT

Sir Yamin Khan said he had made a great mistake in supporting the Defence of India Act in the House. He had not then realised that the weapon placed in Government's hands would be misused.

Sir Mohamed read out the text of an Urdu order served on Mr. Hossain Imam, Member of the Council of State, in which the S. D. O. Gaya, asked Mr. Imam to appear before him at 10 a.m. on March 15 to show cause why he should not be imprisoned under Section 38 of the Defence of India Act as it was reported that he had not bought war bonds and had prevented others from buying war bonds (cries of shame shame).

—Assembly Proceedings.

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In the Assembly the Home Member said: "It is a pleasure to me to take part in one more debate on the D.I.R. before I quit India."

Thanks for giving such a splendid lead, Sir Reginald. May your example be followed!

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Mr. Pyarelal Kureel, M.L.A., said the Scheduled Classes had nothing in common with the caste Hindus.

But that is exactly what the orthodox upholders of caste do say!

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"Certain anti-National and disruptive groups, jealous of the growing strength of the Kisan Sabha are circulating the slander that the Sabha is dominated by Communists....."

—Kisan Sabha resolution.

But why should it be a slander to say that an organisation is dominated by Communists? We are sure the Communists are not so bad as all that!

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13 Congressmen Acquitted

—Headline.

Unlucky number—for the prosecution!

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TO-DAY'S PRIZE HOWLERS (Perpetrated By The Junior Colleague)

(1) *The Government of India is appointing a special Census Officer to keep count of the censure motions passed against the Government in the Assembly.*

(2) *Following the Irish crisis, Sir Samuel Hoare is proposing adoption of Sanctions against his friend Franco of Spain for having dealings with the Nazis.*

(3) *Another "well-known journalist, author and broadcaster" has arrived in India from Britain whom no one knows!*

(4) *Sheer modesty has prompted New Delhi authorities to delete the line "Issued By The Department of Information And Broadcasting" from the anti-Japanese advertisements.*

(5) *By the way, it is apparent from the latest of these advertisements that the Government has suddenly become very fond of Khaddar and Swadeshi and henceforward all high Government officials will appear in spotless hand-woven and hand-spun fabrics.*

(6) *Sir Reginald Maxwell regrets that only 7,710 persons are imprisoned for political reasons—and hopes his successor will show better results in the future.*

Central Govt. Plan To Tackle Food Problem

Provinces To Shoulder Responsibility For Procurement: South Indian States To Get Additional Grain Supplies

NEW DELHI, March 16.

In the Council of State this morning Mr. B. R. Sen, Director-General of food moving for consideration of the food situation in the country expressed the deep sense of sorrow of the House for those who suffered and lost their lives during the last famine in Bengal and also expressed India's gratitude to those friends across the seas in distant lands whose active sympathy in their hour of trial had been a source of solace and strength.

Dealing with the immediate problem, Mr. Sen said that it was the considered view of the Government of India that the question of procurement could not be solved by reversion to free trade or by establishment of central food-grains monopoly. They had therefore agreed to the provinces continuing to shoulder the responsibility of procurement both on their behalf, whether for their own consumption or for export to deficit areas, or on behalf of the Central Government for Central Government needs, including the Defence Services.

CENTRAL GOVT.'S RESPONSIBILITY

The Government of India had assumed responsibility for exercising superintendence and control over the provinces which must be done with judgment and discretion but they could not assume direct responsibility for the details of the day-to-day administration in every province. In case of difference of opinion on policy or method they had to consider firstly whether their active intervention was essential, secondly what manner of intervention was most suitable and likely to achieve the purpose in view and thirdly the extent to which it must be pressed.

BENGAL'S PROBLEM

Mr. Sen stated that there was no intrinsic scarcity in Bengal as a whole this year. The problem was essentially one of distribution within the province and the aman procurement scheme with certain modifications was in operation in the province since January.

A comprehensive programme of movement of the aman crop had been drawn up in consultation with army and transport authorities. The Bengal Government had also taken on hand the repair of about 10,000 boats which would be ready for use before the rains. A considerable number of these would be returned to the distressed fishermen.

SUPPLIES FOR S. INDIAN STATES

Mr. Sen dealing at length with the conditions obtaining in Malabar, Travancore and Cochin said the Government of India had decided to send 4,000 tons immediately to Cochin for providing a reserve, in addition to the quotas which would be allotted to Travancore and Cochin jointly under the basic plan. Under the preliminary kharif plan, the Government had allotted 150,000 tons of rice to these States, but it had since been found possible to increase the quotas of rice to 204,000 tons including 4,000 tons for Cochin's reserve. They had also been assured of 100,000 tons of wheat and 68,000 tons of other grains in 1944. Government of India would, he added, make every attempt to make up the balance of 100,000 tons needed for these States by wheat and other grains provided imports from overseas were forthcoming in adequate quantities.

Mr. Mahatha stated that despite Mr. Sen's efforts to make out that there was no scarcity of food-grains in Bengal, actually the situation was far otherwise.

Mr. Abdul Razai Kareem sought to fix the responsibility for the Bengal Famine on the Central Government.

The Maharaj Kumar of Nashipur said that there seemed to be a suspicion in the minds of the agriculturists generally that Government might attach the standing crops and commandeer them for army use.

Kumar Sankar Ray Chaudhury criticised the importation of luxury articles instead of food-grains.

Mr. M. N. Dalal said that it could not now be doubted that the edge of the famine had been to a considerable extent blunted.

Mr. G. S. Motilal asked how many of the recommendations of the Foodgrains Committee have been given effect to by the Government. He emphasised that instead of expecting outside help the Central and Provincial Governments in the country should do all they could to improve the situation.

MILITARY MUST IMPORT ALL ITS NEEDS

Sir David Devadoss suggested that the requirements of the Army should all be imported. He complained that military contractors were offering higher prices than those prevailing in the markets and thus increasing the price level. Government should also see that the money which they were granting to cultivators should actually reach them. He wondered whether even 75 per cent of the amounts thus granted was actually reaching the cultivator. Lastly he urged that the military should make it a rule to grow their own vegetables. For want of green vegetables, in Madras many people were suffering from scabies.

Sir A. P. Patro complained that other parts of India, especially the west coast—Malabar, Cochin and Travancore,—had not received the same attention as Bengal.

Mr. Mohendra Lal Das complained that Assam had received very little attention from the authorities.

The debate on the food situation will be continued to-morrow.—A. P.

KASTURBA GANDHI'S BIOGRAPHY

An appreciative biographical study of the late Kasturba Gandhi written by Mr. K. P. Thomas, editor of the "Orient Illustrated Weekly" of Calcutta, with a memoir by Mrs. Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit is in print and will be released shortly.

NO OFFENSIVE POSSIBLE TILL AKYAB IS TAKEN

Story Of Allied Attack And Capture Of Razabil Fortress

(From Mr. D. F. Karaka)

'CHRONICLE' SPECIAL WAR CORRESPONDENT

ARAKAN FRONT, March 13

I have now been two days in the jungle not more than 20 miles from the spot from which Japs were pushed out only 24 hours ago. Around here, is still being fought the scraps which together make up the battle of Burma as it is now being fought.

It is not and never has been a battle in the real sense of that word. Neither engagements nor the terrain allow it to be so called. In comparison with the battles of Britain and Russia, Burma is only a skirmish. Even so like a plug in the bathtub, it is the means wherewith to contact the Japs and prevent them from infiltrating into the yet untouched parts of their "Greater Asia."

"NOT MUCH"

If one were to ask what has been achieved in these parts during the last five fighting months, the answer would be "not much", because territorially we are still north of Akyab and Akyab is the only port of any size or importance, this side of Rangoon. So that until Akyab is taken our position in Burma can only be regarded as basically defensive. But there can be strides made in defence which are appreciable. To-day, as a result of S.E.A.C.'s tightening of Burma defence, the air road to Chittagong and Calcutta is spiked with thorns for Japanese air force. Fear of the Jap, to put it crudely, is reduced if not completely eliminated. In a nutshell, from vague confused defence, we have now something co-ordinated which spells itself S.E.A.C. but which stands rocklike between the 400 millions in India against the enemy. That is the significance of the Burma campaign—a sort of crystalizing of defence.

The last few days' fighting in these parts has resulted in clearing the Maungdaw-Buthidaung road. This road hits the main road from the north at right angles. On the map, two roads make an inverted letter "T". For months, Japs had held this road grimly hoping to entrench in those parts for the duration of the coming monsoon thus making themselves a menace to our holding of Maungdaw.

FALL OF RAZABIL

Yesterday, according to a story obtained here, the Razabil fortress was attacked from the rear and fell after two days fighting, while a surprise attack down the road into Buthidaung from the west succeeded in capturing the town and cutting in behind protecting the fortified area. The capture of Razabil means clearing of the junction point on Maungdaw-Buthidaung road—a capture which was effected without much opposition. This together with operations of a few days ago which can be described as "mopping" up operations make the front now appear "clean".

This morning, I drove over to Razabil. The village still felt warm from shelling of the day before with the hills naked and peppered with the blast of shrapnel which still hung round in bits all over the hill and the road. Here and there were collected dumps of abandoned ammunition which the Japs had left behind. Also a brand new mountain gun, the first of its kind to be captured intact—so brand new that its barrel might have come from a jeweller's shop and fitted with an unusual sight for a gun of this type.

SAPPERS BUSY

Sappers were still clearing the road of mines and booby traps which retreating enemy had left behind. I trod but gently on the dusty road slightly scared of disturbing any nasty unexploded object which might have cut short my term of war correspondentship. Inside one of the dug-outs was resting a hand grenade perched on a mound of sand. It was thought wiser to let expert sappers look at it as it was no playtime when one remembered that one was treading the road trod by Japs only 24 hours before. Though the encounter was over the solitary Allied gun was still pounding away its shells wizzing over us because a handful of Japs were spotted some three miles from the spot we were inspecting and reported to be carrying baggage with them.

Such is my day's story from the jungle where the sun beats on the body all day and dust blows into your eyes, your nose, your face. Then evening falls and cool breeze from the valley comes gently towards you. You splash the dirty water of the pool over your dusty face. Night creeps on the Arakan and spreads its mantle of grey over the "Oberland." Not long after, the moon appears in the sky. It is the moon over Burma and stars come down to earth in the shape of fireflies. "The gorgeous east" one sighs to oneself and turns in, for to-morrow is another day of sweat and dust. Then the "hurricanes" drone over your camp bed in the valley. They are homeward bound, for the day's work is done.

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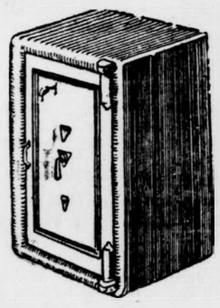

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Glowing Tributes To Kasturba's Memory: Sheriff's Meeting Welcomes Opening Of National Memorial Fund

Glowing tributes to the memory of Mrs. Kasturba Gandhi, was paid by various speakers at a public meeting of the citizens of Bombay convened by the Sheriff and held at the Sunderabai Hall on Thursday evening. Mr. M. R. Masani, the Mayor, presided.

The following resolution moved by Sir Purushottamdas Thakurdas was adopted unanimously, all standing:

"This public meeting of the citizens of Bombay places on record its profound sense of loss at the death of Shrimati Kasturba Gandhi who, by her selfless devotion and complete identification with every phase of India's awakening was an unfailing source of support and strength to Mahatma Gandhi in his manifold activities for national emancipation and the service of humanity. Shrimati Kasturba Gandhi endeared herself to the vast masses of the Indian people by her unassuming, gentle and ever kindly disposition and deep concern for their welfare. In her death, the Nation has lost its most cherished ornrament of Indian womanhood, exemplifying the highest ideal of mother and wife."

NATIONAL MEMORIAL FUND WELCOMED

The meeting also adopted a resolution welcoming the opening of a National Memorial Fund for perpetuating the memory of Shrimati Kasturba Gandhi and hoping that the citizens of Bombay would contribute liberally towards the Fund in keeping with the traditional generosity of the city.

Other resolutions authorising the President of the meeting to convey to "Mahatma Gandhi who has lost a life-long companion and devoted helpmate and to the other members of the family" heartfelt condolences and sympathies, thanking the Sheriff and the Mayor were also adopted at the meeting.

Sir Shantidas Askuran, Sheriff, Mr. Faiz B. Tyabji, Mrs. Hansa Mehta, Sir Purushottamdas Thakurdas, Mr. Pranlal Devkaran Nanjee, Sir Rustom Masani, the Hon. Mr. Justice M. C. Chagla, Rev. Dr. John McKenzie, Lady Premleela Thackersey, Dr. J. A. Collaco, Mr. Bhulabhai J. Desai, Sir Sultan Chinoy, Mr. Fazal Ibrahim Rahimtoola, Mr. S. H. Prater, Dr. Jos Alban D'Souza, Sir Sorab Saklatvala, Mr. Ramdeo Podar, Prof. P. A. Wadia, Mrs. Achamma J. Matthai, Mr. Y. K. Khadilkar, Mr. Jamnadas Dwarkadas and Mr. N. S. Kajrolkar, all of whom addressed the meeting in connection with the resolutions, associated themselves with the universal tributes paid to Kasturba and gave vent to their feelings of sorrow at her demise.

Among other prominent persons present at the meeting were Mr. J. R. D. Tata, Sir Chunilal V. Mehta and the Hon. Justice Mr. Divatia.

In the course of his remarks from the Chair, Mr. M. R. Masani, emphasised that the distinguished and representative gathering present showed that citizens of Bombay of all shades of opinion, those who were political opponents of Mahatma Gandhi as well as those who owed him allegiance, were at one in offering their condolences to him in his loss which was all the more grievous because of his enforced isolation from his countrymen. The fact that this grand old lady of seventy-five died in captivity was a painful reminder that their national destiny still remained unfulfilled.

GOODNESS TRIUMPHS OVER GREATNESS

After referring to Smt. Kasturba's quiet dignity and self-effacement, Mr. Masani continued: "The world to-day is full of clever men, able men and even brilliant men, many of them at the head of their respective States and nations. And yet one wonders if the world could have been in a worse state if only the most unintelligent and incompetent of men had been placed at the helm of affairs? That is because their qualities of greatness are seldom accompanied by qualities of goodness. Smt. Kasturba's outstanding qualities were those of goodness. The fact that a nationwide tribute such as few of our most brilliant figures have ever been given has been paid to Smt. Kasturba makes one hopeful about the future of humanity, because it marks the triumph of goodness over mere greatness."

Sir Purushottamdas Thakurdas said Kasturba's complete identification with her husband was an object lesson to Indian womanhood. Her gentleness and fullness of heart explanied the spontaneous national mourning which her death had aroused.

Sir Rustom Masani said that Gandhiji was the supreme embodiment of devotion—devotion to his motherland, devotion to every cause which he held noble. Kasturba's unquestioned devotion to the peerless devotee to the temple of service and sacrifice, made her one of the most notable women of India. The lamp of good deeds which she lit was alive to-day and would live for many years to come.

Justice Chagla paying a tribute to the simplicity of her life and the saintliness of her character, said that it was neither social charm, nor brilliance, nor public life that was looked up to in an Indian woman, but the way she played her part as a wife and a mother. And both these roles she had played nobly and well.

Mr. Bhulabhai Desai said that Mahatma Gandhi was a difficult man to deal with, in the loyalty, devotion, discipline, work and sacrifice he demanded. But Kasturba fulfilled his exacting standards and was the counterpart of Mahatma Gandhi.

Mr. S. H. Prater said that she filled a difficult role in life with sweetness, patience and resignation.

PROF. K. R. MEHTA HONOURED

The Government Law College students and staff held a meeting at the College premises to give a farewell address to Prof. K. R. Mehta, High Court Advocate, Federal Court of India, who has now been appointed Circle Officer for the Province of Bombay, under the Small Savings Scheme launched by the Government of India. Warm tributes were paid to him by students and staff who considered him to be an asset to the College and eulogised his ability as a professor, his goodness as a man, and his greatness as an editor and writer.

Mr. N. A. Palkhiwalla who presided said: "To these students who have been under him for many years there is no need to expatiate on his good qualities as a professor. His lectures were illumined by illustrations drawn from life and literature. There was always this cultural background which made his lectures interesting, and we hope that his new appointment is a turning in the road from which there will be no turning back." He was followed by Miss K. Karmali, the Jt. Secretary of the Law College Union) who said. "In addition to his great qualities as a professor, he had all the three things which endear a professor to his students; kindness, sympathy and a democratic spirit.

Messrs. S. Samuel, Mr. D. N. Dotiwala, D. M. Spencer and B. R. Vakil then paid glowing tributes to Mr. Mehta's work as professor and editor of the magazine. Mr. Vakil characterised Mr. Mehta as a high souled and high-principled man and the best type of gentleman without affectation.

The proceedings of the day were wound up by Principal Faizee who said: "I am quite sure that the tributes paid to-day to Mr. Mehta have all been fully deserved by him". He went on to say that the unmistakable evidence of Prof. Mehta's good teaching of English was to be found in what the examiners say of the papers of the Government Law College students. The Bombay students were considered to be best in English among all Law colleges. He felt confident that the new appointment of Mr. Mehta was only the first step in a series of successes and that he would keep rising higher and higher and Mr. Faizee hoped that some day Mr. Mehta would go to the educational department and take the College under his protecting wings."

Prof. Mehta advised students always to have high principles and never to shirk work whatever the others of life may serve in, and always to be gentlemen. He felt that no greater reward of his work could be given to him than by his own pupils themselves becoming great men. Mr. Mehta was then entertained to tea in the college.

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CITY MARKETS

Bombay, March 15.

SHARES: The local Share Bazar was fairly steady with a moderate support. Tata Steel Dfd. Shares at Rs. 2,210 and improved to Rs. 2,232. Ordinary Shares opened at Rs. 426

Active Shares At A Glance

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and improved to Rs. 4,291. Bombay Dyeing Shares opened at Rs. 2,127 and improved to Rs. 2,135, while Century Mill Shares opened at Rs. 1,042 and hardened to Rs. 1,060. Kohinoor Mill Shares opened at Rs. 711 and advanced to Rs. 720. Tone was steady.

BULLION: Yesterday London Gold quotation was unchanged at £8-8-0. Dollar Sterling Cross rate was 4.02-1/2 to 4.03-1/2 at London and 4.03 at New York. London Spot and Forward Silver quotations were unchanged at 23-1/2 and New York Spot Silver was unchanged at 44-3/4 cents. The local market was fairly firm on steady Kathiawar market advices. Silver opened at Rs. 125-6 and declined to Rs. 125-1 under scattered realising but prices again improved to Rs. 125-3. Ready Silver was quoted at Rs. 128-4. Gold market was steady with Forward business done at Rs. 71 while Ready Gold was quoted at Rs. 71-0-6. Sovereigns were placed at Rs. 49-2.

The market was very steady with moderate buying. Closing quotations: Ready Silver Rs. 128/10; Forward Silver Rs. 125/10; Ready Gold Rs. 71/1 and Forward Rs. 71.

COTTON: The local cotton market was very steady with moderate demand. It is reported that enquiry for ready cotton was improving. May delivery opened at Rs. 451 and declined to Rs. 448-6, under scattered selling. Later on there was moderate buying and prices improved to Rs. 450-8.

Lateron there was some realising and prices reacted. The market closed at 6 p.m. as under:—

I.C.C. March 447; I.C.C. May 448; I.C.C. July 453/8; I.C.C. September 456.

COTTON PARITY: Indian Cotton May contract is below New York May 341 cent. points at Exchange rate 331.

COTTON ARRIVALS: Khandesh 97, Central Provinces 624, Barsi 193, Hyderabad 43, Dholeras 965, N.-W. Provinces 196, Sind-Punjab 1,916, Broach 5,042, Total 9,076 Bales.

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N. T. Sind/Ameri. Extra Spr.-fine 575, Sup. 570, Fine 565, F. Good 560.

Sawgin Sind/Ameri. Extra Spr.-fine 620, Sup. 615, Fine 610, F. Good 605.

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HIGH & LOW COTTON PRICES.

I. C. C. March highest 450, lowest 446, closing 449; I. C. C. May highest 450, lowest 445-1/2, closing 449; I. C. C. July higest 455, lowest 451-1/2, closing 454-1/2; I. C. C. September highest 457-1/2, lowest 453, closing 456-3/4.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, March 15.

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March 21.20, May 20.73, July 20.12.

Devoted Wife's Death

BODY BURNT ON FUNERAL PYRE OF HUSBAND.

CHAKRADHARPUR (Orissa), Mar. 13.

Dr. S. Dey, a retired medical officer, died on the night of the 8th March. With her heart full, but with tearless eyes his wife sat beside him, watching life ebbing away. Then she rose without a word, moved to the bed, touched the feet of her dead husband reverentially with her forehead, and laid herself down by his body. Death like soft sleep, stole over her. Both bodies were taken together on the same bier in a large procession to the burning ghat where the husband and wife were burnt on the same funeral pyre.—A. P.

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2. To elect Directors in place of
   (i) Mr. M. C. Ghia,
   (ii) Sir Chunilal B. Mehta,
   (iii) The Hon'ble Mr. Ghulam Mohammed, C.I.E.,
   (iv) Mr. A. A. Jasdenvala,
   (v) Mr. Vithaldas Kanji,
   who retire under Article 133 of the Articles of Association and being eligible offer themselves for re-election.
3. To appoint Auditors for the current year and to fix their remuneration.

The SHARE TRANSFER Registers of the Company will be CLOSED from 5th to 17th April, 1944, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
INVESTA INDUSTRIAL CORPORATION LTD.,
Managing Agents,
JOHN MATTHAI,
Director.

Bombay, 13th March, 1944.

To the Shareholders of Investa Machine Tools & Engineering Company, Limited, and in particular to:

Thakur Pratap Singh, Sir Govindrao D. Madgaokar, Mrs. Hasmanben Kanaiyalal, Mrs. Hirabai Rustomji Faridoonji, The Hon'ble Mr. Ghulam Mahommed, The Hon'ble the Finance Member-in-Office of H.E.H. The Nizam's Government, Narayandas Vrijlal, Rai Sahib Sirdar Radha Raman Das, Harilal Harakhchand, Hargovandas Harjivandas, Mansukhlal Bakordas, Hariprasad Jaysukhram Parghi, Goverdhanlal Bansilal, Ramchandra Narayan Bhave, Tribhuvanrai Dulerai Rana, Gunvantrai Girdharrai Mazumdar, Bhaskar Ganesh Joshi, Manibhai Vasanji Desai, Bai Sirinbai Jamshetji Pavri, Karsonlal Bhogilal Maniar, Jayantilal Manilal Parikh, Prahladray Hariprasad Buch, Champaklal Jamnadas Maniar. (8146)

NOTICE.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED from persons of outstanding ability, integrity, organising capacity and personality for responsible administrative posts in India and Abroad (a) from those with business experience preferably of East African cotton or sugar or export of produce or cloth selling and (b) from persons holding high academic qualifications of a good (1) American or other Foreign University in Arts, Science, Commerce Business Administration, Textile or Sugar or Oil Technology or Chemical Engineering and (2) Indian University.

Salary and grade of (a) above according to qualifications and experience b(1) Rs. 300-50-500. E.B. 50-800. Selection 50-1,000|- per month, b(2) Rs. 150-25-250. E.B. 25-350|-. Those in b(2) grade after satisfactory service may be placed on selection in b(1) grade. Those with previous experience may be started higher in the grade. Applications will be treated as confidential. Gautam Sarabhai, Director, Karamchand Premchand, Ltd. P.B. 28 Ahmedabad. (8140)

TIMBER DIRECTORATE, BOMBAY

SEALED TENDERS to reach the undersigned before 5 P.M. on 23-3-'44 are invited for collecting and transporting packing case sides and other materials arising from these cases from places, about which detailed information can be had from the undersigned, to the new Timber Salvage Depot to be opened near Wadala Road Station G.I.P. Railway (Harbour Branch) and for dismantling the case sides etc. at the Timber Salvage Depot and stacking the recovered timber according to sizes and descriptions; extracting, sorting out in sizes and descriptions the nails, brackets, hoop iron and all other accessory materials.

All particulars about Earnest Money Deposit conditions of contract, method of tendering etc. can be had from the undersigned during office hours on any working day.

V. S. KUPPUSWAMY,
Director, Timber Directorate,
Bombay. (8137)

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the members of the J. N. Petit Insitute will be held on Thursday the 30th March, 1944 at 6 P.M. (S.T.) in the Hall of the Institute, 312, Hornby Road. (8147)

ALL INDIA RADIO

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for a few temporary posts of Programme Executive in the Central News Organisation (New Delhi) of All India Radio. Pay Rs. 300-10-400. Age not over 35. Candidates must possess sound general knowledge and a good command of English. They should also, preferably, have some experience of office administration, journalism and|or literary and dramatic work and|or music, Indian and Western. Sufficient knowledge of one or more Indian languages is desirable. Women eligible. No standard form is prescribed for the applications but the conditions to be fulfilled are: (1) Each application must be accompanied by a Treasury Receipt for Rs. 3|-. This amount can be handed in at any Government Treasury or State Treasury authorised to transact business with Government or any branch of the Imperial or Reserve Bank of India who should be asked to credit it to the Accounts head "XXXIV-Broadcasting—Other Receipts." (2) State the date and place of your birth, your father's name, your religion, whether you are a British Indian subject or the subject of an Indian State, your previous and present employment and salaries, what languages you know and how well you know them, your academic qualifications, whether you have been abroad and if so for how long and for what purpose and full details of your experience and other attainments which in your opinion give you a claim to the post, together your experience, if any, of journalism, broadcasting, administration and allied activities, (3) Attach attested copies of your testimonials etc., particularly certificates from your previous employers, if available. These papers will not be returned. Originals will be required to be shown at the interview. (4) Address your application to the Director of Administration, All India Radio Broadcasting House, New Delhi. If you require a receipt, send your application by registered post 'Acknowledgment Due'. The last date for receipt of applications is 3rd April 1944. (5) If selected for interview you will be required to come to New Delhi at your own expense and at short notice. (6) All recommendations should be attached to the application and not presented separately to any officer. Candidates seeking interview without being invited are liable to be disqualified. (7) No correspondence from candidates regarding their applications will be entered into. An applicant must decide for himself whether to apply or not. (8155)

THE CHHOI SILK MILL COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE

THE FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Bombay Mutual Building, Sir Pherozesha Mehta Road, Fort, Bombay, on FRIDAY, 31st March, 1944 at 4 p.m. (New Standard Time) to transact the following business:—

1.—To receive and adopt Directors' Report and Audited Statements of accounts for the year ended 30th June 1943.
2.—To Sanction the declaration of a dividend.
3.—To confirm the appointment of Mr. Dara H. Kooka as an Additional Director.
4.—To elect Directors in place of those who retire by rotation, but who are eligible for re-election.
5.—To appoint Auditor or Auditors for the current year and to fix his or their remuneration.
6.—To transact any other business the Chairman may bring before the Meeting.

N. B.—The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 20th day of March to 1st day of April 1944 both days inclusive.

By order of the Board,
CHHOI KOOKA DESAI & CO.,
Managing Agents.

Bombay, 13th March 1944.

N. B.—The Dividend as sanctioned by the Meeting will be paid on and after Monday the 10th day of April 1944, during office hours, at the Registered Office of the Company to those Shareholders whose names stand on the Register on the 19th March 1944. Dividend Warrants will be duly posted to the Shareholders. (8148)

NOTICE

I, the undersigned MADHAVRAI RANCHODRAI NAYAK, of Billimora have adopted Devidas Son of Raghunath Nayak on the 31st January 1944. Now Devidas my adopted son is the legal heir of my property, personal and ancestral, situated at Mahagaon, Dt. Thana and at Billimora, Baroda State.

M. R. NAYAK. (4327)

PUBLIC NOTICES

SECRETARY, PUNJAB & N.W.F.P. JOINT PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, LAHORE

INVITES APPLICATIONS from British subjects, on or before the 5-4-1944 on prescribed form (obtainable free) accompanied by treasury or M.O. receipt for Rs. 5 for the post of PROJECTS ENGINEER (on contract for 5 years but likely to be extended) in the Punjab P.W.D. Electricity Branch. Pay Rs. 1,250-50-1,500 plus overseas pay of £30 p.m. for non-Asiatic candidates. Age preferably between 40-50 on 1-5-44. Qualifications: A degree, diploma or certificate of a recognized University (list supplied on application) or Corporate membership of either the Institution of Mechanical Engineers or the Institution of Electrical Engineers, London, or Associate Membership of the Institution of Engineers (India); (ii) sound training in a firm manufacturing electrical engineering plant and equipment or in a large electricity supply undertaking (iii) extensive experience in the design, construction and or operation and maintenance of large capacity hydro-electric power stations, including H.T. transmission, grid substation, and local distribution systems. Government servants eligible. Further particulars on application. 8144

G.I.P. RLY—TENDERS

TENDERS ARE INVITED for the re-caning of OFFICE and STATION FURNITURE which should be submitted to the Dy. Transportation Superintendent "Telegraphs", Victoria Terminus Annexe, before 31-3-44. Full particulars may be obtained from the Officer-in-charge Transportation Workshops, G.I.P. Railway, Parel Road, Byculla. (8149)

NOTICE

WAR TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT

THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA in the War Transport Department are contemplating the appointment of additional registered dealers, under the Motor Vehicle Spare Parts Control Order, 1943. Dealers wishing to be so appointed, who have been in the spare parts business from 1938 or earlier, and whose monthly imports or purchases amounted together to not less than Rs. 5,000|- on the average during the three years 1938-40, should apply to the undersigned furnishing purchase figures for each of the three years 1938-40, and information as to makes and kinds of parts mainly dealt in. If any applicant had purchased genuine Chevrolet or Ford parts from the authorised General Motors and Fords dealers during these years, the value of such purchases each year and names of authorised dealers from whom purchased should also be furnished.

Last date of receiving the application—'15th April 1944'.

Controller of Road Transport,
War Transport Department,
New Delhi.

New Delhi,
The 9th March, 1944. (8154)

16th—CROWDED WEEK!—16th
BORAL'S MUSIC MAKES IT A MUSICAL TREAT
New Theatres' Song-Spangled Hit
KRISHNA
WAPAS
Daily at 4, 7 & 10 p.m.
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PUBLIC NOTICES

SECRETARY, PUNJAB & N.W.F.P. JOINT PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, LAHORE

INVITES APPLICATIONS from Indian or European British Subjects domiciled in India, (Women only), NOT LATER THAN 11TH APRIL, 1944, on prescribed form (obtainable free), accompanied by treasury or M.O. receipt for Rs. 5 for one permanent (on agreement basis) post of NURSING SISTER for Lady Aitchison Hospital, Lahore. Age:—between 30-40 years, but may be relaxed. Qualifications:—General Nursing training and Diploma of Midwifery of preferably 5 years' standing. Candidates must be single, unmarried, or widow without encumbrances; and should be able to speak and understand English and Hindustani. Pay:—Rs. 150-10-200 p.m., plus board allowance at Rs. 2/4/ per diem and uniform allowance at Rs. 15 p.m. Government servants eligible. Further particulars on application. 8145

AUCTION SALES

UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO INVESTORS.

AUCTION SALE OF VERY VALUABLE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY, AT BHAT BAZAR KNOWN AS "NALINI MANSION."

Messrs. GANDHI & CO. will, under instructions from the Owner, sell by Public Auction undermentioned very valuable immovable property on Monday, 20-3-44 at 4-30 P.M. (S.T.) on the premises.

All that piece of Government quit and ground rent tenure with dwelling house, situate at Doongry Street but now at Narsi Natha Street, admeasuring 435 sq. yds. registered under Collector's New Nos. 6551, 6557, and New Survey No. 2720 and Cadastral Survey No. 959 of Mandvi Division, and Municipal Ward B No. 1313, Street Nos. 274-278.

For Particulars apply to Messrs. Payne & Co., Attorneys for Vendor, at their Office at 54 Esplanade Road or to the Undersigned.

GANDHI & CO.

RARE OPPORTUNITY TO COLLECTORS OF ART.

AUCTION SALE OF VERY OLD AND VALUABLE COLLECTION OF FRENCH VASES AND FIGURES, GARDEN SEATS, A LARGE COLLECTION OF CHINA VASES, BOWLS, AND JARS BOHEMIAN VASES, OLD ENGLISH AND CAUTEN, CHINA CROCKERY, RICH CUT GLASS AND FRENCH BOWLS AND NUMEROUS OTHER ARTICLES OF ART.

Under instructions from M/s. Eastley Lam & Co., Attorneys for the Executrix, M/s. BENNETT & CO., will sell by Public Auction Today FRIDAY the 17th March, 1944, from 11-30 a.m. to 1-30 p.m. and the remaining lots from 3 p.m. (N.S.T.) at their Rooms at 120, Apollo Street, Fort, the above mentioned articles belonging to the Estate of the late Mr. C. M. Benaji, well-known Collector of Curios and Antiques.

BENNETT & CO.

INDUSTRIALISATION IN DHOLPUR

Under the Patronage of His Highness the Maharaja Rana Saheb of Dholpur, a big Tannery and Leather Factory is being started with a very strong Directorate under the able management of a well-known Commercial Firm. For particulars refer to:

THE DHOLPUR TANNERY & LEATHER PRODUCTS LTD. Dholpur. 4384

REVISED PRICES OF SUGAR

The Government of Bombay has revised as follows the maximum wholesale and retail prices of crystal and crushed sugar and the retail prices of sugarcandy, Bura sugar and Lissa sugar in Bombay city and the Bombay Suburban District. Crystal sugar has now been classified into four qualities, viz. Sort I, Sort I-A, Sort II and Sort III, according to grades, which depend on grain size and colour.

	Wholesale prices per Md. of 82 2/7 lb.	Retail prices per two pounds.
CRYSTAL SUGAR	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
(a) Sort I.	17 10 3	0 7 0
(b) Sort I-A.	17 4 9	.....
(c) Sort II.	17 3 6	0 6 10
Crushed Sugar.	17 3 0	0 6 10
Sugarcandy.	20 15 3	0 8 6
Lissa Sugar.	19 9 9	0 8 0
Bura Sugar.	18 3 3	0 7 6

The wholesale prices of all varieties and the retail prices of sugarcandy, lissa sugar and bura sugar have come into effect from March 12, 1944. The retail prices of different grades of crystal sugar and of crushed sugar will come into effect from March 19, 1944.

In all cases the total prices chargeable in respect of the quantity sold by a dealer is to be calculated at the rates mentioned above, rounded to the nearest whole pice, i.e., fractions of a pice equivalent to 1 1/2 pie or more are to be charged as one pice, fractions smaller than 1 1/2 pie being ignored.

CYCLE TYRE and TUBE PRICES

By notification No. SS/135 dated 5th March 1943 and 6th August 1943 the Government of India have fixed maximum prices at which cycle tyres and tubes may be sold as under:

	COVERS				TUBES
	Wired-on Each		Beaded-edge Each		Each
1st GRADE:	Rs.	As.	Rs.	As.	Rs. As.
1. Bates Dunlop					
2. Firestone High Speed					
3. Goodyear A.W.T. Hy. Duty	4	4	5	0	2 4
4. India Super					
2nd GRADE:					
1. Dunlop Cambridge					
2. Goodyear Pathfinder	3	4	...		...
3. India Signal					
3rd GRADE:					
1. Royal Durbar					
2. Takat	2	12	3	8	...
3. Sterling					
WAR GRADE:					
1. Dunlop					
2. Firestone					
3. Goodyear	..		...		2 6
4. India					

Lists of approved stockists may be had on request from the nearest branch office of the undernoted manufacturers Inability to secure cycle tyres and tubes at the controlled rates should be reported to the Controller of Rubber, Department of Supply, New Delhi.

The Dunlop Rubber Co. (India) Ltd.
Firestone Tyre & Rubber Co. of India, Ltd.
The Goodyear Tyre & Rubber Co. (India) Ltd.
India Tyre & Rubber Co. (India) Ltd.

THE RETURN OF UNSERVICEABLE TYRES AND TUBES IN EXCHANGE FOR NEW CYCLE TYRES AND TUBES IS NOT NOW REQUIRED

INVESTMENT?

We are getting lots of buying enquiries from all over India for the following Shares which we may possibly supply at the best available Rates

NAME OF CONCERNS	PAID-UP VALUE PER SHARE			LAST DIVIDEND:
	Ordinary	Preference	Deferred	
	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	
National Nutriments Ltd.	20 0 0	10 0 0 (7½% Cumulative)	1 0 0	20%, 7½% and 100% respectively on Ordinary, Preference and Deferred shares.
Mica Mining & Trading Co. of India Ltd.	25 0 0	100 0 0 (7% Cumulative)	2 8 0	10% and 7% for 1942 and 10% and 7% for 1943 on Ordinary and Preference shares.
Lebong & Mineral Spring Tea Co., Ltd.	10 0 0	100 0 0 (6% Cumulative)	X	New Issue; good dividend expected on the workings upto 31st December 1943. Estates were purchased from Messrs. James Finlay and Co., Ltd. of Great Britain at the cost of Rs. 6,25,000|-; estimated crop 2500 in 1944.
Central Tipperah Tea Co., Ltd.	10 0 0	X	X	5% for 1940, 10% for 1941 and 10% for 1942.
Lohar Valley Tea Co., Ltd.	25 0 0	X	X	6% for 1941 and 6% for 1942.
Land Trust of India Ltd.	10 0 0	X	X	6% for 1941 and 6% for 1942.
Hindusthan Laboratories, Ltd.	25 0 0	X	X	6% for 1941 and 6% for 1942.
Aryan Silk & Cotton Mills Ltd.	50 0 0	X	1 0 0	New Issue; shares still available.

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(Stock and Share Dealers, Finance Brokers and Investment Advisers)

"SHARE DEALERS' HOUSE" 12, Chowringhee Square, Calcutta.

Please note that from January, 1944, we have arranged an "Easy Instalment System" for payment of value of all marketable and non-marketable shares. For rates etc. please read our "Monthly Share Market Report" regularly; Specimen copy free on request.

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